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Proceedings
of
Grand Chapter
of
Royal Arch Masons
of **Alberta**
1942



To Scribes E.

PLEASE OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Acknowledge to the Grand Scribe E. the *receipt* of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter—these are the property of the Chapter.

The financial year of Subordinate Chapters *ends* the 31st *December*, and Scribes E. are required to forward their returns to the Grand Scribe E. before the 31st of January. (See Sub-section 1, Clause 214—Constitution.)

All cheques should be made PAYABLE AT PAR at Calgary.

Write the names of Companions *in full*, plainly, in the returns so that there may be no errors in filling out the Grand Chapter Certificate. Also see that the AGE, OCCUPATION and PLACE OF RESIDENCE are not omitted. Where deaths are included, THE DATE OF DECEASE should accompany the record.

Send a full list of the officers of your Chapter immediately after installation.

The list of Companions deleted *must be read out at the next Regular Convocation following the receipt of these Proceedings.*





WILLIAM B. WAY
Grand First Principal, 1941

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Most Excellent Companion William B. Way, was born on January 25th, 1881, in Bridgewater, Somerset, England, and was educated in the Bridgewater Public Schools.

On April 17th, 1912, at Keinton-Mandeville, Somerset, he was married to Minnie G. Bailey and to this union there were born four sons, three now living.

He has served as a member of the High River Council for four years.

He was initiated into Masonry, in Corinthian Lodge No. 22, Okotoks, in 1908, serving as Inner Guard, Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, respectively and as Worshipful Master in 1915.

Exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Golden West Chapter, No. 5, at High River, on April 18th, 1921, serving as Principal Sojourner, 1922, and Ex. Z. in 1923 and 1928.

In the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, he was Grand Superintendent in 1929-30, Grand J., 1939, Grand H., 1940, and Grand Z., 1941.

He is a Past President of the High River Rotary Club, and the present Secretary of the Alberta Tuberculosis Association, member of the Anglican Church, a member of the South African War Veterans, having served in South Africa in 1901-02, member of the High River Legion and a Past Patron of the Eastern Star. Now a member of Cornerstone Lodge No. 19 at High River.

PROCEEDINGS

of the

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at the

Twenty-eighth

Annual Convocation

1942

Held in the

City of CALGARY, Alberta

May 13th, 1942

Nineteen Hundred and Forty-two

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation Proceedings

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, held in the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, on the 13th day of May, A.D. 1942, A.I. 2742.

OFFICERS PRESENT

M. E. Companion	W. B. Way	Grand First Principal
R. E. Companion	J. E. Rannard	Grand Second Principal
R. E. Companion	E. G. Ellerton	Grand Third Principal
R. E. Companion	A. J. Fyfe	Grand Superintendent
R. E. Companion	T. S. Hughes	Grand Superintendent
R. E. Companion	E. G. Pepper	Grand Superintendent
R. E. Companion	P. J. Peterson	Grand Superintendent
R. E. Companion	T. S. Jeffery	Grand Treasurer
R. E. Companion	C. A. MacPherson	Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)
R. E. Companion	H. S. Baird	Grand Scribe N.
R. E. Companion	C. W. Lilley	Grand Principal Sojourner
R. E. Companion	C. Orr	Grand Registrar
M. E. Companion	J. R. Flan	Grand Lecturer
V. E. Companion	S. H. Comba	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
	Companion J. W. Bullough	Grand Organist
V. E. Companion	D. E. Price	Grand Steward
V. E. Companion	A. L. Watkins	Grand Steward
V. E. Companion	W. R. Fowler	Grand Steward
V. E. Companion	G. Allen	Grand Tyler

PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS PRESENT

M. E. Comp. J. R. Flan	M. E. Comp. W. H. Scott
M. E. Comp. C. H. Minchin	M. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer
M. E. Comp. H. Sandilands	M. E. Comp. H. W. B. Bell
M. E. Comp. A. Davison	M. E. Comp. J. W. G. Morrison
	M. E. Comp. J. V. Follett

PRINCIPALS AND PAST PRINCIPALS PRESENT

Alberta Chapter, No. 1

Charles Hillyard, Z., F. J. Hand, C. H. Minchin, D. E. Price,
M. B. Peacock, N. B. Williams, H. D. Fawcett, H. E. Kelley, H. H.
Fletcher, T. F. English.

North Star Chapter, No. 2

A. A. Cashman, Z., H. Sandilands, C. W. Lilley.

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3

W. V. Sanders, G. F. Pauling, E. G. Ellerton.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4

W. R. Fowler, J. E. Rannard.

Golden West Chapter, No. 5

W. B. Way, A. L. Watkins.

Kether Chapter, No. 8

R. E. Patterson, Z., J. F. Gray, H., J. H. W. Kemmis.

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9

J. H. Booth, Z., George Sweeting, H., J. R. Flan, H. E. Bentley,
F. Bentley, A. E. Lockett, G. Allen, W. E. Mercer, C. Comba, C. Orr,
J. V. Follett, J. Cleave, P. A. Moncreiff, S. H. Comba, C. A. Mac-
Pherson, C. T. Valentine.

Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10

R. P. Umbrite.

Calgary Chapter, No. 12

J. Brown, H., A. Davison, T. S. Jeffery.

Capital City Chapter, No. 13

R. M. Lambertson, H. S. Baird.

Vermilion Chapter, No. 14

Percy Fielding, W. H. Scott, J. W. G. Morrison.

Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16

P. J. Peterson.

Norwood Chapter, No. 18

J. J. Clarke.

Hiram Chapter, No. 19

D. Dishan, H., N. Steckle.

Banff Chapter, No. 20

C. A. MacPherson (Proxy).

Strathmore Chapter, No. 21

W. E. Mercer, T. S. Hughes, H. W. B. Bell, L. W. Bond.

Crescent Chapter, No. 24

J. L. Innes, Z., A. R. Jenkins, H., C. A. MacPherson, J. M. Donaldson, E. G. Pepper, F. W. Keyte, C. F. Dooley, R. C. Rankin.

Harmony Chapter, No. 26

E. J. Bell, Z., H. W. Ford, J. R. Flan.

Eheveh Chapter, No. 27

J. H. Marsh, Z., J. R. Flan, W. A. Irving, J. H. W. Dutton, J. V. Follett.

Edson Chapter, No. 30

A. J. Fyfe.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified representatives, the Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was opened in AMPLE FORM at 9:45 o'clock a.m., May 13th, 1941, A.D. 2472, A.I.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

May 13th, 1942.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

The Committee on Credentials wish to make this preliminary report—that there are sufficient Chapters represented to make a quorum as required by the Constitution.

H. E. BENTLEY, P.G.S.N.,
Chairman.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

M. E. Companion H. Sandilands very fittingly introduced M. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, representing the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, M. E. Companion J. Boyd.

M. E. Companion W. H. Scott introduced M. E. Companion W. L. Clink, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, stating that the M. E. Companion was a native son of Alberta, having been born on the Indian Reservation at Hobbema, Alberta.

The distinguished visitors were accorded Grand Honors and escorted to the Grand East, where they, in a few well chosen words, responded to the welcome from the Grand First Principal M. E. Companion W. B. Way.

M. E. Companion Minchin expressed the regrets of M. E. Companion Boyd at not being able to be present owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Boyd, and how honoured he was to be the personal representative of his very good friend M. E. Companion Boyd on this occasion.

M. E. Companion Clink, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, responded in a humorous manner, especially to the reference of his connection with the Indian Reserve at Hobbema, and latterly to the fraternal relation existing between his Chapter and Vermilion Chapter No. 14.

CIVIC RECEPTION

The Grand First Principal requested M. E. Companion Minchin to retire and introduce His Worship the Mayor of Calgary. This he did in a pleasingly humorous way, referring to the Mayor's dual capacity as Mayor of Calgary and a Past Grand First Principal of the

Grand Chapter of Alberta. The Grand First Principal welcomed him warmly and asked him to take a seat in the East.

The Mayor expressed his pleasure of once again welcoming the Grand Chapter to Calgary and at seeing so many present in spite of the flood conditions in the southern part of the Province. He was glad that Grand Conventions were able to continue under prevailing war conditions; he warmly welcomed the Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions and visitors from other parts of the Province, granting them the freedom of the city, as that was the only thing he could grant freely.

READING OF MINUTES

On the motion of M. E. Companion Sandilands, seconded by M. E. Companion Mercer, it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes as published in the Proceedings be taken as read.

ADDRESS

of the

Grand First Principal

To the Officers and Companions of Royal Arch Masons
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Companions:

Another Grand Chapter year has come to a close and a year that has passed all too quickly. It is with sincere and profound gratitude that I acknowledge the honour you conferred on me one year ago in placing me in the chair of the Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter.

This is the 28th Annual Convocation and is being held in this fine City of Calgary and to those of you who are attending for the first time, I extend a most hearty welcome, and to the Grand Chapter Officers, both past and present, I tender my sincere greetings; and to you all, I trust that this gathering will continue to promote and foster the best there is in our Royal Craft.

The tragedy of world war has served but to underline the necessity for a Christian Life and to carry a conviction of its urgency to many minds by which it was regarded at first with little interest. The spectacle of the zeal of youth harnessed in certain lands to the chariot of evil and destructive ambition has been the prime cause of this awakening among the peace-loving peoples. However deeply we deplore the systematic perversion of the young mind in Germany and elsewhere, it has begun to make us aware of the mighty results, evil or good, attainable by the enlistment of youth's passionate zeal, and apparently unattainable without it. It is the outstanding revelation of contemporary history that the foulest plots hatched by older minds can be carried out only with the aid of the perverted young. It is the inevitable corollary that without the kindled idealism of the young, the God-fearing men of mature mind who are even now laying plans for a better world, will plan in vain.

With the growth of this realisation, enthusiasm for more spiritualism has also grown. Special days have been set aside at the instigation of Their Majesties, the King and Queen, for certain "Days of Prayer". Our peoples are heeding and I venture to submit that it is shown by greater attendance at our religious institutions. It is lauded by a large section of the press, especially in the war-torn Motherland. A short time ago, from Westminster Abbey, an anonymous young Airman broadcast these words:

"God is calling us back to the true meaning of Life. It is a call which we in all the Empire must hear and answer. The English-speaking civilisation is essentially Christian; and we in this country and all of you Overseas who march beside us have

a deep, age-old Christian tradition giving us a vantage point from which we can set out. If we hear the call and answer it, we shall in time find God's grace shown to this troubled world. When we have fully grasped in our minds, and infected others no less with the belief that things will not come right until we set ourselves to seek the true ends of life, then, and not until then, will victory in this deeper conflict loom on the horizon. Not until then shall we have fitted ourselves for the tasks that lie before us. We shall then be ready to take our share in the shaping of a new era. We are in at the death of the whole world, let us pray that we may be in at the resurrection of a new."

With us, in this great Dominion, a hatred of the evil which has brought humanity to such a sorry pass, and a higher passion for that Higher Way, which alone leads to happiness, are not being put into our hearts by the daily spectacle of death and destruction. They must come to us by other means, therefore, because we dare not remain indifferent to evil for the mere reason that it has not hurt us personally. That way disaster lies. We must acquire the hatred of wrong and the passion for right by dwelling with sympathy, and even with pride, on those pages of our human story, or of our own national story, on which noble and sacrificial deeds have put a glow. "Whatsoever things are true—honest—just—pure—lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

The Nation as a whole must immediately realise that each and every citizen must play his or her part in this war. Then and then only, will duties be readily recognised and cheerfully discharged and service in every form seen, not as an irksome duty to be avoided, but as an honor to be sought. Then, indeed, will all march worthily by the side of those who fight.

NECROLOGY

Whilst the Committee on Fraternal Dead will deal fully with regard to those who die and are with us no more, I feel I would be remiss in my duties if I did not express myself. God, in His wisdom, calls at His appointed time and it behooves us all to have ourselves constantly in readiness to be with Him.

Seventeen of our constituent Chapters have suffered bereavement, the toll being 29 of our beloved companions. Of these 29 members, some were very active, not only in their own chapter but for Royal Arch Masonry as a whole. Assiniboia No. 3 was the greatest sufferer. Their loss was five and I want in particular to mention the name of one who is sadly missed in that Chapter. The late Companion W. B. Stevens was a companion very devoted to his work and one who was a great source of strength to his chapter. We sadly lament the passing of R. E. Companion Matthews, of Joseph Stauffer Chapter, one of our Past Grand Scribe N's. Each year we miss some pleasant faces from our convocation, only to learn they have passed to the Great Beyond.

To these Chapters I offer my sincere condolence and to the relatives and friends my profound sympathy.

In other jurisdictions the Grim Reaper also laid a heavy hand and to each of these Grand Chapters we extend our sincere sympathy.

Of these departed companions, David Craig of Montana was our Grand Representative and was present here at Calgary at the formation of the order of High Priesthood.

*"Beyond the blue to the land of light
They have wandered away, just out of sight;
And so released by pain and care,
They are waiting for us to join them there."*

FOREIGN RELATIONS

The relations with our sister Grand Jurisdictions continue harmonious and nothing, to my knowledge, has happened to mar this happiness.

I have had warm invitations from the Grand Chapters of Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Manitoba and the Grand Chapter of Canada, together with several invitations from the Grand Chapters in the United States. Due to business reasons, I was only able to visit the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, but this Grand Chapter was represented in Saskatchewan by M. E. Companion W. H. Scott and in British Columbia by M. E. Companion M. M. Downey and our Grand H., R. E. Companion J. E. Rannard, and at the Grand Chapter of Canada by none other than M. E. Companion Empey, a life member of Keystone Chapter, Red Deer. For these representations I am deeply grateful.

Regarding the visit of myself to the 19th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba in February last, I am afraid I cannot find words to adequately express the pleasure given me. The memories of this visit will never be forgotten. From the time I arrived in the City of Winnipeg, I was constantly being entertained. M. E. Companion Frank E. Simmons is one of the most outstanding men versed in the art of entertainment that I have ever met. I appreciate the reception given me during their Chapter ceremonies, also the honour conferred of being presented with an honorary Life membership certificate. There were many distinguished guests from the United States Jurisdictions and a goodly number of these make this an annual event. Two of these visitors were Grand Representatives of this Grand Chapter.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

With the co-operation of the Grand Superintendents, we were able to arrange suitable dates for the several District Meetings and I am happy to say that I was able to attend them all.

District No. 1

This meeting was held at Edmonton on October 29th and I was accompanied from High River by R. E. Companion J. F. Casteel, V. E. Companion A. L. Watkins and two other companions. The Chapter was opened at 4:30 p.m. with R. E. Companion A. J. Fyfe in the chair. It was pleasing to have M. E. Companions Scott, Coote, McCurdy and Sandilands present, also our Grand Third Principal, R. E. Companion E. G. Ellerton. All chapters were represented with the exception of Mount Horeb, of Wetaskiwin. The attendance in the afternoon session was 27. No progress reports were presented.

There were a few questions asked and answered. The Grand Superintendent-elect is E. Companion Lilly. M. E. Companion W. Coote then introduced to the gathering E. Companion G. H. Crane-Williams, who gave an interesting talk on some situations in the Orient, after which there was a short address by myself. The Chapter closed in proper form at 6 p.m.

At 6:45 a banquet was called, at which approximately 175 Masons attended and our Grand Third Principal acted as toastmaster. The guest of honor was His Honour the Lieut.-Governor of the Province, Companion J. C. Bowen, who fittingly replied to the toast to H.M. The King. "Companion Sam Harris, Past Grand Master, then introduced the principal speaker of the evening, E. Companion G. H. Crane-Williams, of Dimsdale, who gave one of the most inspiring addresses I have ever heard. For one hour the speaker kept his audience thrilled and loud was the applause when he finished. I had the pleasure of following this good companion.

Great credit is due this committee.

District No. 2

The District Meeting of No. 2, under the guidance of R. E. Companion T. S. Hughes, was nothing lacking except in numbers. This meeting was held at Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, Gleichen, on October 21st. The weather was good and the attendance very favourable. I was accompanied by R. E. Companion W. M. Marshall and other companions from High River and was joined at Gleichen by M. E. Companions Flan, Mercer and Bell and our Grand Scribe E. Hanna and Youngstown Chapters were not represented. Our Grand Lecturer was able to answer all questions asked. The Grand Superintendent-elect is E. Companion Umbrite. Good progress was reported from the Chapters present. At the close of the meeting we were guests of Bow Valley Chapter at a sumptuous banquet, provided by the ladies.

R. E. Companion Hughes has done good work in this District.

District No. 3

This meeting of the Calgary District, No. 3, was held at the Crescent Chapter rooms on Monday, November 3rd. R. E. Companion E. G. Pepper, Grand Superintendent presided. Banff and Keystone Chapters not represented. I was accompanied by R. E. Companion Castell, E. Companion A. Burnside, and others from High River, and was joined in Calgary by M. E. Companions Flan, Follett and Minchin. The Chapter was opened by Crescent and closed by Otuskwan. Progress reports were read from all City Chapters and were remarkably good. The report of Joseph Stauffer Chapter as to the feasibility of that chapter attempting to carry on, was not bright, yet the committee in charge of this, under the guidance of our Grand Superintendent, will, I am sure, have a workable solution to offer at a later date. The meeting was addressed by R. E. Companion Pepper and myself. The Grand Superintendent-elect is E. Companion Lockett. After the Chapter was closed we adjourned to the banquet room, where a pleasant hour was spent, all in the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

District No. 4

This District comprises the Chapters in the south and south-eastern parts of the Province, including the Crow's Nest Pass. It was held in the City of Lethbridge on October 22nd and I was accompanied from

my home by V. E. Companion A. L. Watkins, G.S., and several other companions and joined at Lethbridge by our Grand Lecturer, M. E. Companion Flan and the Grand Scribe E. The meeting was preceded at 6:30 by a dinner provided by the ladies of the Eastern Star. We were also pleased to have with us our Grand H., R. E. Companion Rannard. The Chapter was opened in due time but the attendance was only fair, lack of proper notice being the reason given. Kether Chapter was the only absentee. Progress reports from those present were read. Tau Cross and Shekinah showed no gains in memberships. The R. A. Degree was exemplified by Shekinah Chapter in a very creditable manner. An address by R. E. Companion Haslam of Claresholm was well received and covered much Masonic history. It was getting very late and the remarks by our Grand Superintendent and myself were necessarily brief. I am of the opinion that degrees should not be conferred at a District Meeting, unless there is an afternoon session for this purpose. R. E. Companion Peterson has covered his district well and it was at my instance that our official visits clashed at times. E. Companion Pauling is the Grand Superintendent-elect.

At all of the District Meetings the Grand Chapter Officers were received with the honours due their rank and were heartily welcomed. I wish to express my gratitude to each of the Superintendents for their unselfish interest in the work of their various districts and I would recommend that the rank of Past District Grand Superintendent be conferred on:

R. E. Companion A. J. Fyfe.....	District No. 1
R. E. Companion T. S. Hughes.....	District No. 2
R. E. Companion E. G. Pepper.....	District No. 3
R. E. Companion P. J. Peterson.....	District No. 4

also that the election of

E. Companion Lilly.....	District No. 1
E. Companion Umbrite.....	District No. 2
E. Companion Lockett.....	District No. 3
E. Companion Pauling.....	District No. 4

being Superintendents-Elect for these districts, be confirmed.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED

Crescent Chapter, No. 24—To exalt a serving companion.

Alberta Chapter, No. 1—To hold a special convocation in another Chapter Room other than their own.

Keystone Chapter, No. 12—To hold the election and installation of officers out of time.

Golden West Chapter, No. 5—To change the date of a regular Convocation.

Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27—To change the date of a regular Convocation.

Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10—To install as Second Principal H. one who had not served as Third Principal J.

Otuskwon Chapter, No. 9—To hold a Joint Installation with Calgary Chapter, No. 11.

North Star Chapter, No. 2—To install the Second Principal H. out of time.

Norwood Chapter, No. 18—To install out of time.

Vermilion Chapter, No. 14—To install the Second Principal H. out of time.

Otuskwā Chapter, No. 9—To change date of a regular convocation.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4—To change date of a regular convocation.

Otuskwā Chapter, No. 9—To approve by-laws and amendments.

Crescent Chapter, No. 24—Change of day of meetings.

TO APPROVE COMMISSIONS ISSUED AS GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALBERTA

Grand Chapter of New South Wales—V. E. Companion George Anderson.

Grand Chapter of New York—E. Companion Ernest J. Frost.

Grand Chapter of New Hampshire—E. Companion Neal F. Teague.

AMALGAMATIONS

As referred to in my report on District Meetings, I am pleased to announce the amalgamation of two Chapters, viz., Joseph Stauffer, No. 22, and Crescent Chapter, No. 24, under the name of Crescent, No. 24. I wish to commend the efforts of our Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion E. G. Pepper and the officers of these two Chapters, with their committees, in bringing around such a harmonious settlement and whilst I regret the conditions which brought this about, so far as Joseph Stauffer Chapter is concerned, I feel sure that some day the members of that district will again be asking to have their Charter restored. I also wish to congratulate Crescent Chapter for this splendid addition to their membership and that with this unity, much good may accrue.

SURRENDER OF CHARTER

It is with sincere regret that I have to report the surrender of the Charter of Keystone Chapter, No. 12, Red Deer. I attended their Regular Convocation on Tuesday, March 24th, after having telegraphed them of my intention to be present and asking to have as many members as possible attend in order to have as full a discussion as could be arranged. With that, there were not as many present as I expected for so important a discussion—15 only was their muster in a City the size of Red Deer.

E. Companion Cuthbertson stated the financial position of the Chapter and it would appear that now they might be able to surrender and pay off their liabilities, but doubted doing that later if they continued. It would appear to me that Red Deer is over-organised as a city, or over-institutionalised. The surrender is for the duration or such time as they think fit.

CHAPTER VISITATIONS

I was unable to visit all of the constituent Chapters but did attend most of them and of those I did not visit, I was represented by one or more of our Grand Chapter Officers, according to the chapter being visited and for this service I am very thankful. I also wish to express my sincere thanks to the many companions of my home Chapter who accompanied me on all visits. I was in no case permitted to go alone. Whether there was a sinister motive in this, I do not know

nevertheless, it made the trip that much more pleasant. In all cases I found it more convenient to travel by car, both in time and cost, and in two cases only did we find it expedient to remain over night and that was at Edmonton and Medicine Hat. Other than a few flat tires we had no travel troubles.

May 21st.—Shekinah Chapter, No. 4. This was the occasion of my first visit as Grand First Principal. I was joined in Lethbridge by R. E. Companion J. E. Rannard, Grand H., and was accompanied by R. E. Companion Casteel, V. E. Companion Watkins, G.S., and E. Companion B. Sanderson. We were very warmly welcomed by the officers and members of Shekinah Chapter. There was no work and the attendance was only fair. Addresses were given by our Grand Second Principal and myself. I think this Chapter is on the road toward considerable progress.

May 27th.—Golden West Chapter, No. 5. Visiting my home Chapter on its first meeting after my exaltation to the office of Grand First Principal was a thrill that will never be forgotten. There was a very large attendance and every officer was in his chair. It was also the occasion of a fraternal visit from Tau Cross Chapter. The warmth of my reception was intensified by the fact that I was escorted to the dais by two of the companions who occupied Principals' offices at the time of the institution of Golden West Chapter in 1907. I refer to R. E. Companion H. E. Bedingfield and V. E. Companion Percy Taylor, both Charter members. This was one of those moments that fills your throat. There were also a large number of visitors from the Calgary Chapters. It was a pleasure, at this time to present several of our members with Life Membership certificates for over 30 years' membership. The evening was full of pleasure. With the assistance of R. E. Companion Fred Hand, who acted as Grand Director of Ceremonies, I installed our Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion P. J. Peterson, V. E. Companion A. L. Watkins, and V. E. Companion Price as Grand Stewards and Companion Bullough as Grand Organist. Furthermore, several of our own companions were examined as to their proficiency and received their regalia. Addresses were made by myself and several visitors. This was a banner evening. Following the closing of the Chapter, all repaired to the banquet room where a delicious supper was in readiness. Many Past Grand Officers were present and I hope I have been able to live up to the many nice things said.

June 5th.—Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9. This was an unannounced visit, but I was none the less made welcome. It is a pleasure to visit this Chapter at any time.

June 10th.—Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16. I was accompanied by several of the High River and Nanton companions to Claresholm. This was the occasion of their Annual Strawberry Festival. Unfortunately, there was only a small turnout of members, in fact, there were more visitors than members. There was no work. This Chapter has had no applications for membership for a long time. During the refreshment hour, at which I addressed the companions, particular attention was drawn to the matter of membership and attendance, which I hope may bear fruit. An address was also given by R. E. Companion H. O. Haslam.

June 25th.—This was an unofficial visit, or social evening, at the ranch home of R. E. Companion Geo. Milligan. A committee meeting was being held there by one of the Calgary Chapters regarding the holding of their annual summer picnic. Personally, I regard the attend-

ance at a gathering of this kind equally as important as a good many held in a Chapter room and from a Grand Chapter viewpoint I think equal good can be accomplished. Much praise is due R. E. Companion Milligan and his good wife for this annual invitation. Their refreshments were excellent.

Oct. 2nd.—Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, Drumheller. This was the first of the fall visitations. I was accompanied by our Grand Scribe E., also several companions from High River. We were received in a most cordial manner. There was a very good attendance. Following the business of the evening the M.M.M. Degree was ably exemplified by E. Companion Anderson, after which I addressed the members briefly. There was complete harmony throughout, and after the Chapter was closed a delicious lunch was served and a host of friends made. This Chapter is doing very good work.

Oct. 6th.—Crescent Chapter, No. 24, Calgary. Accompanied by several companions from High River, and joined in Calgary by R. E. Companions McPherson and Pepper, I paid an official visit to Crescent Chapter. Their hall has been greatly improved and there was a fair attendance. There was no work to be done. One application was received. From the opening to the closing, the Chapter's business was conducted in a very dignified manner by E. Companion Dooley.

Oct. 8th.—Calgary Chapter, No. 11. Again accompanied by several of my home town companions and joined in the city by other Grand Chapter officers, an official visit was made to this Chapter. We were received with grand honours and made heartily welcome. It was the occasion of a fraternal visit of Alberta Chapter, No. 1, with their Excellent First Principal, Norman Williams. The members and visitors together made a very good attendance. The M.M.M. degree was ably conferred by V. E. Companion Jos. Brown, assisted by other past officers. I was very much impressed with the stress placed upon certain parts of the work. At the banquet table, R. E. Companion Matthews acted as toastmaster and a pleasant hour was spent.

Oct. 13th.—Alberta Chapter, No. 1. This being a holiday—Thanksgiving Day—the attendance was only fair, but this did not affect the warmth of welcome. This was also the official visit of our Grand Superintendent R. E. Companion E. G. Pepper. The M.E.M. Degree was conferred in an exemplary manner by the First Principal, assisted by other officers. E. Companion Norman Williams is an exceptional host.

Oct. 16th.—Banff Chapter, No. 20. The weather was very fine for the drive to this mountain Chapter. It was a regular convocation, also the official visit of the Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion E. G. Pepper. The attendance for this Chapter was good, there being no other lodges to draw from. Our Grand Scribe E. was in attendance with M. E. Companion Bell, as well as several companions from High River. The degree of M.E.M. was conferred by Past Principals in a faultless manner and it is a pleasure to note in many Chapters that the past officers are always ready to lend a hand and assist in the many duties of their Chapter. Our Grand Superintendent gave an inspiring address, followed by some brief remarks of my own. The companions of Banff are to be commended for the progress they maintain with such a limited possibility. The hour spent in the banquet room was a happy one.

Nov. 10th.—On the eve of Armistice Day I made an official visit to Alberta Chapter, No. 1. I was received with Grand Honours and

it was also a pleasure to have the support of M. E. Companions Minchin and Bell and R. E. Companions MacPherson and Pepper. The weather was exceptionally fine and there was a good attendance. It was a regular business meeting. A large number of applications were balloted upon. This is Alberta's oldest Chapter and it is a pleasure to note the continued progress being made, and with such capable officers a good future is assured. Dignity is the key-note of No. 1.

Nov. 21st.—Hillvue Chapter, No. 15. It was a cold and stormy night for this drive to the Crow's Nest Pass, but the Hillcrest companions with the very warm reception they gave us on arrival, caused us to quickly forget the little inconveniences of the weather. With the company of our Grand Superintendent, whom we picked up at Claresholm, and R. E. Companion Casteel and other companions of Golden West, we had a formidable load. There were also several members from Pincher Creek. It was a busy evening and not only was the H.R.A. Degree conferred in a manner that left nothing to be desired, but it was also the election of officers. For a small Chapter, these companions are doing remarkably well. They have a very limited field. Most of their chairs are filled by Past Principals and Past Grand Chapter officials. I am very pleased with the conduct of this Chapter and Grand Chapter never need worry regarding Hillvue. Their refreshment period is one of the best and nothing but harmony prevails. Both the Grand Superintendent and myself addressed the meeting.

Nov. 25th.—Golden West Chapter, No. 5. I did not have far to drive as this is my home Chapter and one to be proud of. This was the occasion of the Annual Game Supper, which is now an event in the records of this Chapter. It is a real Masonic event. The Chapter was honoured by the presence of seven Past Grand First Principals, M. E. Companions Scott, Bell, Davison, Flan, Follett, Minchin, Canon Middleton and myself—together with many R. E. Companions and I would venture that this is history as to the number of Grand Chapter officers present at a country Chapter. M. E. Companion Scott would have a drive of approximately 800 miles and M. E. Companion Middleton, about 300 miles. There were about 115 present and a whole partridge was supplied to each, together with a plenteous supply of other refreshments and the committee in charge of these arrangements are to be congratulated on the sumptuousness of the banquet, all of which, with very few exceptions, are supplied by the members themselves. An excellent toast list followed at which most of the Grand Chapter officers took part. The Chapter was properly opened at 9 p.m., and the Grand Chapter officers were received with honours. There was no degree work, but the highlights of the evening were the conducting of a class of 12 candidates, being examined as to their proficiency as R.A.M., and then being presented with their regalia by M. E. Companion Canon Middleton. It was an address the candidates will never forget. The Chapter was then addressed by several Past Grand First Principals, and a short address, by myself. This, though it is my home Chapter, must be highly commended for the quality of the work it is doing. I wish there were more like them.

Dec. 4th.—Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9.—This was the occasion of the official visit. There was no degree work but considerable general business including the election of officers. There was a good attendance. E. Companion J. Malkin is a very capable officer. It was interesting to note the celerity in which the work of the election was handled. At the close of the Chapter, we repaired to the refreshment tables and a pleasant hour was passed. Otuskwan members are to be congratulated on the good work they do throughout the year, both in the Chapter and out.

Dec. 10th.—Calgary Chapter, No. 11. I again paid a visit to this Chapter as this was the official visit of the Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion Pepper, as I feel that too much support cannot be given these officers, as the opportunity occurs. The H.R.A. Degree was conferred and as I had recently witnessed the M.M.M. Degree, I wanted to see the final. It was worth while and congratulations are in order for the efficient manner in which the degree team carried out their task. I was pleased at the way the elections were held.

Dec. 18th.—Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9. This being Past Principals' Night, I felt it incumbent on me to again pay this Chapter a visit. It is the least the Grand First Principal can do to pay tribute to the past officers in any Chapter who so faithfully carry on the traditions of their work. Several country Chapters were invited to be present. All chairs were filled by Past Principals and M. E. Companion J. R. Flan occupied the chair of First Principal. The H.R.A. degree was conferred on two candidates in a manner that could not be excelled. It was a worth-while evening. M. E. Companion Jos. Follett acted as toastmaster at the banquet.

Jan. 12th.—Alberta Chapter, No. 1. This was the occasion of the Installation Ceremonies at which M. E. Companion C. H. Minchin presided. Time does not dim his memory and again he carried out these duties with perfection. The City of Calgary is to be congratulated that its Chapters have so many capable members always ready and willing to carry on these functions. The newly elected officers, I am sure, are reverent to the dignity of these occasions. At the festive board, R. E. Companion M. B. Peacock acted in his usual jovial manner, which adds much to such an event.

Jan. 14th.—Joint Meeting of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, and Calgary Chapter, No. 11. It is happy to note the harmonious relations between city Chapters that brings about these joint ceremonials. The installation of the Officers of Otuskwan and Calgary Chapters was ably carried out by M. E. Companion Flan and assisted by M. E. Companion Harold Bell, left nothing to be desired. There would almost seem to be competition as to which of these Most Excellent Companions can best officiate. The meeting was largely attended. M. E. Companion A. Davison acted as toastmaster at the banquet which followed, completing a wonderful meeting.

Jan. 27th.—Golden West Chapter, No. 5. This being installation night at my home Chapter, I was pleased to be present and witness M. E. Companion Flan and M. E. Companion Bell perform these ceremonies. There was a fair turnout of members.

March 2nd.—Crescent Chapter, No. 24. It was a pleasure to again visit this Chapter, particularly this time, to officially declare the consummation of the amalgamation arrangements between Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, now closed, and Crescent Chapter, No. 24. All the formalities having been complied with, I was pleased to make the necessary declaration. The name of Crescent Chapter will remain, together with the same number, 24. I congratulate R. E. Companion Pepper, our Grand Superintendent, also all the members who assisted in the discussions, in bringing this to such a satisfactory conclusion.

March 19th.—Kether Chapter, No. 8. Accompanied by R. E. Companion Bedingfield and other local companions, we visited Pincher Creek and received a very warm welcome. There were also several companions from Claresholm, The attendance was augmented by a good delegation from Hillcrest. E. Companion Patterson conducted the meeting in a very capable manner. The tyler of Kether Chapter,

Companion Gray, in spite of his 93 years, was the life of the gathering and many were his reminiscences. Kether excels in its hospitality. They are doing good work. R. E. Companion Peterson was unable to be present owing to a sudden illness.

March 24th.—Keystone Chapter, No. 12. I regret to have to announce that this visit, to what was Keystone, will be the last. They have surrendered their Charter. There is a further report on this under another heading.

April 2nd.—Norwood Chapter, No. 18, Edmonton. Accompanied by several High River companions, I visited this northern Chapter and was greeted on arrival by our Grand Third Principal, R. E. Companion E. G. Ellerton; also the Grand Superintendent of this District, R. E. Companion A. J. Fyfe, who journeyed from Edson for this purpose. M. E. Companions Coote, Sandilands and McCurdy were also on hand to extend a welcome. I was received with Grand Honours and escorted to the dais and handed the sceptre, but requested E. Companion Hall to continue with the evening's business. The Scribe E. read a letter from a companion of Norwood Chapter, enclosing his dues, together with a check for \$25.00, asking the First Principal to place this where he thought best for some War Charity. This is truly a Masonic Ideal. This being the eve of Good Friday, I was pleased to address the companions along these lines. Many of the other Grand Chapter Officers also addressed the gathering, mostly at the banquet table. A very profitable evening was the result. Several of the companions present, with R. E. Companion Ellerton and the Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion Fyfe, journeyed the next day, Friday, to Vermilion Chapter, and I regret being unable to accompany them, but asked that they convey greetings.

April 9th.—Strathmore Chapter, No. 21. This was my first visit to the thriving town of Strathmore. As on other visits, I was accompanied by many companions and we were given a loyal welcome. M. E. Companion Bell, and R. E. Companion A. Carr, drove down from Calgary to be present; M. E. Companion Walter Mercer was also present. The H.R.A. degree was conferred very ably and the degree lectures were a credit to any Chapter. Strathmore, with its proximity to Calgary, is doing good work and by the calibre of the men in the chairs, will continue to do so. Congratulations are due them.

April 16th.—Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, Medicine Hat. This was an outstanding meeting. I am happy to say that the full Grand Council was present. R. E. Companion J. E. Rannard, Grand Second Principal, of Lethbridge, motored over with a carload of companions from Shekinah Chapter; R. E. Companion E. G. Ellerton, Grand Third Principal, of Edmonton, came down by plane, and I had the pleasure of taking along the Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion Peterson, from Claresholm, and some other companions from Okotoks and High River. We were severally received and given the Grand Honours. There was a very good attendance and the M.M.M. degree was conferred on two candidates in a most capable manner. I had the honor to present two members with Life Certificates. The Chapter was addressed by each of the Grand Council. Refreshments were served in the Chapter room.

April 29th.—Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10. This was an emergent convocation put on for my convenience, which I deeply appreciate. There was a wonderful attendance, many members coming from distant points. The degree of M.E.M. was conferred and E. Companion

Yates is to be congratulated on this splendid exemplification. This Chapter, after being dormant for a number of years, has received many new members during the past 12 months, a fact that must be pleasing to them and for the awakened interest in Capitular Masonry in this District. I hope it will continue. It was a happy evening.

Companions, this closes my list of visitations, with one exception—on June 20th last, I was especially invited to be present at a Preceptory Dinner, given by the Calgary Preceptors, to welcome on his official visit, Most Eminent Knight, F. Davey Diamond, the Supreme Grand Master. It was indeed a pleasure to convey the greetings of this Grand Chapter to the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templars. I deeply appreciated this courtesy.

As it is pre-requisite that an applicant must be a Craft member in order to join the Capitular ranks, so it is, I understand, pre-requisite that an applicant for this eminent degree be a member of the H.R.A.; all of which makes it most desirable that these several bodies co-operate to bring out the best that Freemasonry on the whole can produce.

RECOMMENDATIONS

From my visit to the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, I was impressed with the speed, together with, in my mind, satisfactory methods used there in voting for Grand Chapter Officers. They put into practice the "Transferable Ballot", and a good supply of these is in the ante-room, one for each office, each with six spaces for the choice of the voter, as he thinks suitable. At 2 o'clock the nominations were declared closed and a committee retired and at a later hour entered the Grand Chapter room with the announcement of the names of the elected officer. I wish to commend this to the committee under which it comes; copies of these ballot papers have been handed to the committee.

In some Chapters there are several types of ballot boxes, some of which are confusing and has, and easily can be, the cause of errors. I would recommend that a definite type be obtained that would avoid such occurrences.

I would also recommend that for a programme during the refreshment hour, instead of a number of men being called upon to say "a few words", that so often mean little and use up a lot of time, that the Principals, in arranging their committees at the first of the year, call upon one of the Past Principals to be responsible for a definite speaker for a definite meeting and to be on a Masonic subject.

I would further recommend that, if it is possible, the Exaltation Fee in all Chapters be the same. Whilst it is admitted the "overhead" in some Chapters vary, it is my opinion that the **Annual Dues** should take care of the varying costs.

That a "Roll of Honour" be started and the Grand Scribe E get a list of all companions serving with His Majesty's Forces, and that a page be set aside in our Proceedings for this purpose.

CONCLUSION

There is some difference of opinion as to the mode of travel permitted the Grand First Principal. In this matter, we cannot be wholly guided by precedents. Our needs today are to endeavour to cover as many Chapters as possible in the least amount of time and the only method is by use of motive power; but apart from this, one of the greatest points in this method is that you are able to take with

you as many fellow companions as your means of travel permits, which, to my mind, is considerably furthering the objects of Masonry in enlarging a circle of acquaintance; furthermore, there are not many men who may find it convenient to stay over-night. It is not in the best interests of the Craft to want to leave a meeting before it is closed, therefore, one must have the necessary accommodation for travel to enable him to return to his home and business when he is ready.

We are in a different age, a younger man's age, and this should have considerable thought, not only in endeavouring to select as many of a younger age for membership in our Chapters, but also amongst our officers, both in the Grand Chapter and the Constituent Chapters. Our National leaders, both in Governmental circles and Army or Navy offices have this in mind.

This concludes my year of stewardship. I do regret having to admit not being able to visit certain outlying Chapters as they are the ones, usually, that require some bolstering, and I sincerely trust they will condone this. I am deeply appreciative of the assistance rendered by our several Grand Superintendents, also the many Grand Chapter officers, both past and present, who have helped to make this year as good as it has been. In some Chapters the increases have been good whilst in others the deletions have set us back. We must remember that for each deletion it takes two new members to make an increase of one.

In handing over the Sceptre of Office to my successor, I wish for him the same measure of support that has been accorded me, and trust that the year he is entering upon will be much more fruitful and that he will be able, by the combined efforts of us all, to show a good increase in membership that will enable us to get out of the red.

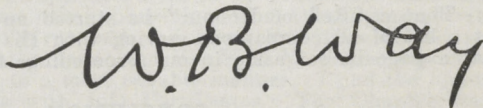
The year has been short—too short—to do all I should have liked.

I hope that ere another year has come to pass we may have peace in this world of ours. I hope that all Nations that have had their rights of self-government forcibly taken from them will again enjoy restoration to sovereignty as their peoples wish.

*"The time shall come, when thou shalt lift thine eyes
To watch a long drawn battle in the skies
While aged peasants, too amazed for words,
Stare at the flying fleets of wondrous birds;
England, so long the mistress of the sea,
Where winds and waves confess her sovereignty,
Her ancient triumphs yet on high shall bear
And reign, the sovereign of the conquered air."*

To the extent that we severally dedicate ourselves to God, to our Country, and to our fellow men, is the measure of our perfection in the professions of the Royal Craft.

Yours fraternally,



Grand First Principal.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Flan, seconded by M. E. Companion Minchin, it was

RESOLVED that the Address of the Grand First Principal be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The following Grand Representatives were in attendance at Grand Chapter and conveyed Fraternal Greetings on behalf of their respective Jurisdictions:

Arkansas.....	M. E. Companion	W. H. Scott
British Columbia.....	M. E. Companion	H. Sandilands
California.....	R. E. Companion	M. B. Peacock
District of Columbia....	M. E. Companion	J. W. G. Morrison
Illinois.....	R. E. Companion	R. C. Rankin
Ireland.....	M. E. Companion	C. H. Minchin
Louisiana.....	R. E. Companion	F. Bentley
Maryland.....	M. E. Companion	W. E. Mercer
Manitoba.....	R. E. Companion	J. M. Donaldson
Massachusetts.....	M. E. Companion	W. B. Way
Michigan.....	M. E. Companion	J. R. Flan
Missouri.....	R. E. Companion	C. A. MacPherson
New Brunswick.....	R. E. Companion	R. M. Lambertson
New South Wales.....	R. E. Companion	H. E. Bentley
North Carolina.....	R. E. Companion	T. S. Jeffery
Nova Scotia.....	R. E. Companion	P. A. Moncreiff
Oklahoma.....	M. E. Companion	J. V. Follett
Pennsylvania.....	R. E. Companion	H. W. Ford
Rhode Island.....	R. E. Companion	J. J. Clarke
South Carolina.....	R. E. Companion	F. W. Keyte
South Dakota.....	M. E. Companion	H. W. B. Bell
Tennessee.....	R. E. Companion	C. T. Valentine
Virginia.....	R. E. Companion	C. Comba
West Australia.....	R. E. Companion	P. Fielding
West Virginia.....	R. E. Companion	F. J. Hand
Wyoming.....	R. E. Companion	H. D. Fawcett

The Grand First Principal M. E. Companion Way welcomed the Grand Representatives and asked them to convey to their respective Jurisdictions his appreciation of their attendance; R. E. Companion Peacock suitably replied on behalf of the Representatives.

CORRESPONDENCE

Telegrams were received from M. E. Companions McGhee and Middleton expressing regret at not being able to be present; also letters from M. E. Companions Ironside and McCurdy conveying best wishes and regrets at their inability to be present.

Greetings and best wishes were received from R. E. Companion F. Mayer on behalf of the Grand Chapter of New Zealand, and regretting his inability to be present.

Letters conveying fraternal greetings and best wishes were received from:

Grand High Priest Edgar T. Whiteside, of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.

R. V. Locey, Grand High Priest, of the Grand Chapter of Idaho.

Edwin Smith, G.S.E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

A. Armstrong, G.S.E. of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba.

F. B. Reilly, G.S.E. of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.

G. H. MacKay, Acting G.S.E. of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

Irving Stafford, Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alberta near the Grand Chapter of Ohio.

W. J. Edwards, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, near the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and

Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence reports that harmony prevails between our Grand Chapter and all other Grand Jurisdictions.

The conditions in the world today have undoubtedly brought home a realization of the dependence of all Masonic Bodies upon one another, and while the general trend throughout America is toward a decreased membership, this may not be entirely harmful.

There seems to be a feeling of optimism throughout the reports; the net losses are smaller, finances are generally sound and the time seems to be nearing when we can look for an upward surge in Capitular Masonry.

The proceedings of other Grand Chapters have been reviewed by your Committee, and are in the hands of the Grand Scribe E. We recommend that they be printed in the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

We respectfully suggest that the name of this Committee be changed to Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, and would so recommend.

Fraternally submitted,

HAROLD BENTLEY, *Chairman*
J. V. FOLLETT,
C. H. MINCHIN,
E. G. IRONSIDE,
J. W. G. MORRISON,
A. WEST,
J. W. VERGE,
F. J. HAND.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Minchin, seconded by M. E. Companion Morrison, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

There has been no reference to your Committee of any matter upon which a report should be submitted that has not already been dealt with by the Grand First Principal in his report and with which your committee is in agreement.

Your committee also approved of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence with respect to the "Surrender" by Keystone Chapter of its charter for the "duration".

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. G. MORRISON.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Morrison, seconded by M. E. Companion Minchin, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We, your Committee on Work, report that all questions submitted at the District Meetings or otherwise during the past year have been fully explained by the Grand Lecturer or a member of the Committee.

It is pleasing to the Committee to report that the majority of the Chapters evidence a keen desire to confer the degrees in a dignified manner, thereby leaving a good impression on the minds of the candidates.

Fraternally submitted,

J. R. FLAN,
C. A. MacPHERSON,
H. SANDILANDS.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Flan, seconded by M. E. Companion Sandilands, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Permanent Committee on Work be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY, RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We regret that very little use has been made of the Library. We once again stress the recommendation that Constituent Chapters make a greater effort to have members of ability obtain suitable books from the Grand Scribe E. and prepare interesting addresses.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. MERCER,
H. SANDILANDS,
J. W. G. MORRISON.

On the motion of M. E. Companion H. Sandilands, seconded by M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Library, Research and Education be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Credentials wish to report that all names have been properly registered and ballots distributed in accordance with the Constitution.

There are 20 Chapters represented by their Officers, Past Principals and Proxies with a total of 108 votes.

Fraternally submitted,

HAROLD BENTLEY, *Chairman*.

On the motion of R. E. Companion H. E. Bentley, seconded by R. E. Companion E. G. Pepper, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee have examined the reports of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer, as well as the report of R. E. Companion H. W. Ford, Auditor for the past year ended February 28th, 1942.

(1) We recommend the acceptance of the Auditor's report.

(2) We recommend to the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter that R. E. Companion Ford be continued as Auditor for the ensuing Grand Chapter year, at the same remuneration, \$25.00.

(3) We recommend that the printing of the Proceedings for 1942 be awarded to the "Albertan Job Press Ltd.", who submitted the best tender, on the same basis as last year.

(4) We recommend that the interest on the \$300.00 of Debentures, formerly the property of David Thompson Chapter, No. 29, Jasper, and payable by Jasper Park Lodge, No. 143, be reduced from 5 per cent to 3 per cent per annum in accordance with their request.

(5) We recommend that the sum of \$250.00 be placed at the disposal of the incoming Grand First Principal on account of travelling expenses for the ensuing year, and a statement of such expenses be filed with the Grand Scribe E. at the end of the term.

(6) In accordance with Clause C, Section 51, of the Constitution, your Committee submit the following estimate of the probable expenses of the Grand Chapter for the year ending February 28th, 1943:

Office Expenses.....	\$150.00	Salaries: Grand Scribe E..	\$600.00
Proceedings.....	200.00	Auditor.....	25.00
Grand Chapter Convoca- tion.....	80.00	Travelling Expenses:	
Miscellaneous.....	80.00	Grand Z.....	250.00
		Grand Superintendents.	100.00
		Grand Lecturer.....	50.00
Making a total of	\$1,535.00		

All of which is fraternally submitted,

HAROLD W. B. BELL, *Chairman.*
J. V. FOLLETT,
T. S. JEFFERY,
J. R. FLAN,
C. H. MINCHIN.
A. DAVISON.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Bell, seconded by M. E. Companion Follett, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

It was moved by M. E. Companion Minchin, seconded by M. E. Companion Scott, and adopted, that M. E. Companion Way be paid the sum of \$300.00 in full for all expenses incurred during his term of office.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Notice of Motion

By adding after Section 277 of the Constitution the following proviso:

PROVIDED, however, notwithstanding anything in the preceding three sections to the contrary that two or more Chapters may be amalgamated under one Warrant or Charter by order of the Grand First Principal, subject to the approval of the Grand Council, upon petition duly signed on behalf of a Chapter praying to be permitted to amalgamate with some other Chapter which petition shall be signed by the First Principal and Scribe E. of such Chapter duly attested by the seal thereof and accompanied by a certified list of the Companions in good standing and the consent of the other Chapter to the amalgamation. To such petition there shall also be attached under the seal of the Chapter a certified copy of the resolution passed approving the petition, due notice of which shall have been given or in the absence of such resolution, the signature or approval of the said petition by a majority of the Companions thereof in good standing.

PROVIDED further, that the amalgamating Chapters shall surrender their respective Warrants or Charters and such records, etc., as may be called for by the Grand First Principal, or those of the applicant Chapter only, for such disposition as he may deem proper, if the Companions thereof have signified in the said petition their willingness to accept the name and officers (for the time being) of the other Chapter for that of the amalgamated Chapter.

Notice of motion by M. E. Companion Morrison regarding amalgamation of Chapters was seconded by M. E. Companion Flan and adopted.

On the motion of R. E. Companion Keyte, seconded by M. E. Companion Follett, it was

RESOLVED that the Grand Organist and Grand Tyler be paid the sum of \$5.00 each for their services at this Grand Chapter.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP CONFERRED

On the motion of R. E. Companion Rannard, seconded by M. E. Companion Morrison, it was

RESOLVED, unanimously, that Honorary Life Membership in this Grand Chapter be granted to M. E. Companion W. L. Clink, in recognition of his services to the Royal Craft and as an outstanding Royal Arch Mason.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Minchin, seconded by M. E. Companion Mercer, it was

RESOLVED that Grand Chapter grant \$25.00 to the local Entertainment Committee to assist them in entertaining visitors.

Grand Superintendents' Reports

DISTRICT No. 1

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I herewith submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent for District No. 1 for the past Grand Chapter year.

VISITS

Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17: August 20th, 1941. There was no degree work and fourteen members were present.

General Impressions: Very good. The members take a great interest in their Chapter—some travel 60 miles to be present and the Scribe E. lives 18 miles away. This Chapter needs encouragement, but harmony prevails. The First Principal and his officers do all they can to make their convocations interesting.

Norwood Chapter, No. 18: March 13th, 1942. Revisited this Chapter on April 2nd, 1942.

General Impressions: This Chapter is doing good work and take a great interest in their Chapter. I would like to see them get some new members as they would then go ahead fast. E. Companion Hall, aided by R. E. Companion Clark, tries to make the meetings interesting for the Companions.

Capital City Chapter, No. 13: March 13th, 1942. Forty members and ten visitors were present; no degree work.

General Impressions: This Chapter is doing good work as they are getting candidates for their Chapter and putting on degrees, keeping the Companions busy and interested. Scribe E. R. E. Companion J. Clevely and E. Companion Halliday take a great interest in their Chapter as also does R. E. Companion Frank Mayer.

North Star Chapter, No. 2: March 19th, 1942. Forty-five members and five visitors were present. The M. M. degree was exemplified in an excellent manner.

General Impressions: This Chapter is doing good work and getting new members. They have the advantage of Past First Principals and Past Past D.G.S., and they keep things moving. They have a good Scribe E. and E. Companion A. A. Cashman takes a great interest in the city chapters—he visited all of them by the same time I paid my official visit.

Edson Chapter, No. 30: June 10th, 1941. Fourteen members and two visitors present; no degree work. I attended every convocation of this Chapter, of which I am a member.

General Impressions: Chapter is not as active as formerly on account of many Companions moving away and some joining His Majesty's Forces, but will carry on until things change.

Vermilion Chapter, No. 14: April 2nd, 1942. Twenty members and five visitors were present; no degree work.

General Impressions: This Chapter is doing good work. They have not a big membership but all the Companions I met are greatly interested in their Chapter. They have M. E. Companion J. G. W. Morrison, M. E. Companion Hudson Scott, as well as some Grand District Superintendents, and they are getting some candidates which will put new life into their Chapter. I enjoyed my visit to this Chapter.

District Meeting: Held at Edmonton on October 29th, 1941. This was one of the best District Meetings I ever attended and was followed by a banquet, which was enjoyed by all. All the City Chapters co-operated to put on this banquet and had as guest speaker R. E. Companion Crane-Williams. He gave an address which will not soon be forgotten by the companions. M. E. Companion Way attended and his address was enjoyed by the companions. R. E. Companion E. G. Ellerton also was present. At this time I would like to thank R. E. Companion Lynn Tipp for the splendid way in which he organized the District Meeting for me; also thanks are due R. E. Companions Mayer, Clevely, Barker and Clark and to R. E. Companion E. G. Ellerton who accompanied me on all my Official Visits. I must also thank E. Companion A. A. Cashman, R. E. Companion Baird and R. E. Companion Lambertson for their many kindnesses during my visits. R. E. Companion C. Lilly was elected Grand Superintendent for District No. 1 for 1942-43, in which office I wish him every success.

Faternally submitted,

A. J. FYFE,

Grand Superintendent.

DISTRICT No. 2

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 2 for the past Grand Chapter year.

VISITS

Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10: December 9th, 1941. Fifteen members and six visitors were present. Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a very able manner. I revisited this Chapter on January 13th, 1942, and assisted M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer and V.E. Companion T. E. Wright to install the officers.

General Impressions: This Chapter is making a real comeback, having conferred degrees on nine candidates during 1941, and have four more going through now. Regular meetings held and a fine spirit evident.

Hiram Chapter No. 19: November 3rd, 1941. Eight members and four visitors present; no degree work.

General Impressions: Members optimistic and enthusiastic. An excellent spirit of companionship prevails.

Strathmore Chapter, No. 21: October 9th, 1941. Fourteen members and two visitors present. No degree work. Have attended practically every meeting of this Chapter. January 8th, 1942, assisted M. E. Companion Mercer and V. E. Companion T. E. Wright to install the officers. Have also assisted in degree work at March and April meetings.

General Impressions: This Chapter is starting to pick up again, having recently conferred degrees on four new members—the first since 1938. They have several more prospective members for this year.

Harmony Chapter, No. 26: November 26th, 1941. Thirteen members and eight visitors were present. No degree work at this meeting, but membership holding up fairly well; two new members in 1939, two in 1940 and two applications now on hand.

General Impressions: Good. An excellent spirit of enthusiasm and optimism prevails.

Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27: November 6th, 1941. Nineteen members and twelve visitors present. M.E.M. degree conferred in fine manner.

General Impressions: This Chapter is in a healthy condition and visitors receive a hearty welcome.

Hanna Chapter, No. 28—October 15th, 1941. Nine members and ten visitors present. No degree work.

General Impressions: Was disappointed in the interest taken by members of this Chapter. Meetings only held periodically. There should be plenty of good material in this town and district to build up an excellent Chapter.

District Meeting: Held at Gleichen on Tuesday, October 21st, 1941. This meeting was well attended—49 signing the register. All Chapters in District No. 2 represented except Hiram No. 19 and Hanna No. 28. R. E. Companion R. P. Umbrite was elected Grand Superintendent. M. E. Companion W. B. Way gave a splendid address on "Why I am a Mason".

Fraternally submitted,

T. S. HUGHES,

Grand Superintendent.

DISTRICT No. 3

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and Officers

Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 3 for the past Grand Chapter year.

VISITS

Alberta Chapter, No. 1: October 13th, 1941. Eighteen members and seven visitors were present. The M. E. M. degree was conferred in a very able manner. I revisited this Chapter on November 10th and on several other occasions.

General Impressions: The Chapter is in a healthy condition and making good progress.

Banff Chapter, No. 20: October 16th, 1941. Fifteen members and ten visitors attended. The M. E. M. degree was conferred. Work good. I also visited this chapter on June 19th.

General Impressions: Great credit is due this Chapter for the interest shown in the work. They have had some candidates this year and the degree work was put on in a splendid manner.

Calgary Chapter, No. 11: December 10th, 1941. Twenty-one members and nineteen visitors attended. The H.R.A. degree was conferred and was well done. I visited this Chapter on October 8th and on several other occasions.

General Impressions: The Companions take an active interest in the Chapter and are making good progress.

Crescent Chapter, No. 24: December 1st, 1941. Twenty-two members and fifteen visitors were present. M.M.M. degree was conferred in an excellent manner. This is my own Chapter and I attended all meetings.

General Impressions: Chapter is doing good work. Harmony prevails.

Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22: December 3rd, 1941. Nine members and four visitors were present; no degree work.

General Impressions: This Chapter is having a hard struggle. At this meeting the Chapter voted to amalgamate with Crescent Chapter, No. 24.

Keystone Chapter, No. 12: October 28th, 1941. Twelve members and three visitors attended. No degree work. I visited this Chapter on June 24th also.

General Impressions: This Chapter needs encouragement as it does not evidence much activity. Harmony prevails.

Otuskwam Chapter, No. 9: October 2nd, 1941. Thirty-four members and five visitors attended. The M.M.M. degree was conferred work being very well done. Revisited this Chapter on December 19th and on several other occasions.

General Impressions: No better Chapter in the district.

District Meeting: Held at Calgary on November 3rd, 1941. M. E. Companion W. B. Way, Grand First Principal, was present and addressed the meeting. Companion A. E. Lockett was elected Grand Superintendent. The weather was ideal and we had a real good meeting with an attendance of 71. A splendid entertainment and banquet followed the meeting.

Fraternally submitted,

E. G. PEPPER,
Grand Superintendent

• DISTRICT No. 4

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I herewith submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent for District No. 4 for the past Grand Chapter year.

VISITS

Golden West Chapter, No. 5: June 24th, 1941. The weather was ideal and sixty members and twelve visitors turned out for this occasion. No degree work. I revisited this Chapter on November 27th when one hundred and thirty members and visitors attended.

General Impressions: Very good. This Chapter is most fortunate in having a large territory and is very active.

Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16: March 10th, 1942. Twelve members were present. No degree work.

General Impressions: This is the smallest Chapter in the district. The members take a great interest and we expect work this year.

Hillvue Chapter, No. 15: February 20th, 1942. Twenty members and two visitors were present; no degree work. I visited this Chapter on November 22nd when twenty-five members and seven visitors attended and the H.R.A. degree was conferred in excellent manner.

General Impressions: Excellent. Members take a lively interest and officers have their work up well.

Kether Chapter, No. 8: March 19th, 1942. Twenty members and two visitors were present. No work.

General Impressions: Very good. Officers have their work well in hand and take a great interest.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4: March 11th, 1942. Twenty members and twenty visitors attended. No degree work.

General Impressions: Good. Interest good and they are royal entertainers.

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3: April 16th, 1942. Sixty members and eight visitors were present. M.M.M. degree conferred in excellent manner.

General Impressions: Very good. Mark Master Mason degree conferred in a very capable and impressive manner.

District Meeting: Held at Lethbridge on October 21st, 1942. H.R.A. degree was exemplified by Past Principals of Shekinah Chapter No. 4 in an excellent manner. E. Companion Gaskell displayed Tec. photos and an address by M. E. Companion W. B. Way and others and a bountiful banquet was enjoyed by all. There were forty present.

Fraternally submitted,

P. J. PETERSEN,

Grand Superintendent

Grand Scribe E's Report

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Companions:

I submit for your consideration my report for the year ending
February 28th, 1942.

Statement of Membership

Number of Chapters.....	26
Number of members, as at December 31st, 1940.....	1,659

Increase

Admissions.....	64	
Affiliations.....	8	
Restorations.....	9	
	81	

Decrease

Demitted.....	40	
Deleted.....	32	
Deaths.....	29	
	101	
Net Decrease.....	20	
Number of members as at December 31st, 1941.....	1,639	

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FROM CHAPTERS

Chapter	Received	Balances Dr.	Cr.
Alberta, No. 1.....	\$296.37	\$20.75	
North Star, No. 2.....	101.22	14.50	
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	68.25	.55	
Shekinah, No. 4.....	61.10	4.79	
Golden West, No. 5.....	191.17	.25	
Mount Horeb, No. 6.....	22.53	3.47	
Kether, No. 8.....	34.70	7.05	
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	165.97	100.50	

Bow Valley, No. 10.....	122.37		.70
Calgary, No. 11.....	76.00		
Keystone, No. 12.....	55.75	2.45	
Capital City, No. 13.....	102.44		1.25
Vermilion, No. 14.....	35.90	32.90	
Hillvue, No. 15.....	47.47	8.25	
Tau Cross, No. 16.....	19.00		.60
Mount Olivet, No. 17.....		29.75	
Norwood, No. 18.....		35.49	
Hiram, No. 19.....	22.99		3.55
Banff, No. 20.....	80.70	32.41	
Strathmore, No. 21.....	68.39		6.78
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22.....	10.04		
Crescent, No. 24.....	72.85	14.51	
Harmony, No. 26.....	56.25	34.93	
Eheyeh, No. 27.....	80.35	4.83	
Hanna, No. 28.....	44.65		3.10
Edson, No. 30.....	40.65	2.00	
	<u>\$1,877.11</u>	<u>\$349.38</u>	<u>\$15.98</u>

Fraternally submitted,

C. A. MacPHERSON,

Grand Scribe E.

RESTORATIONS

Golden West, No. 5.....	H. C. Heath, A. R. C. Dunning.
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	H. A. Evans, B. Ginsberg, A. J. McWilliam.
Hillvue, No. 15.....	J. A. Key.
Banff, No. 20.....	R. L. Mellveen.
Harmony No. 26.....	W. E. Sambrook (1939).
Hanna, No. 28.....	C. B. Stuart.

DEMITTED

Alberta, No. 1.....	F. A. Elves, D. B. Dover, J. P. Hendricks.
North Star, No. 2.....	P. W. Abbott, W. R. Clark, A. K. Dewar, H. P. Gallimore.
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	Murdock Morrison.
Shekinah, No. 4.....	R. L. Getz, R. T. Tiffen, E. R. Nicholls, D. J. Lonsberry.
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	C. R. Sharman, H. Evans, W. J. Lockhart, P. H. Adams.
Calgary, No. 11.....	J. Frisken.
Keystone, No. 12.....	L. Olson, R. C. Loree.
Capital City, No. 13.....	Robert Brown, W. L. Miller, W. I. Ruff.

Auditor's Report

To the Audit and Finance Committee of the Grand Chapter
of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

I have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Chapter
for the year ending February 28th, 1942, and submit herewith:

- (a) Condensed Treasurer's Statement.
- (b) Expense and Revenue Statement.
- (c) Benevolence Fund Statement.
- (d) Statement of Chapters.
- (e) Balance Sheet as at February 28th, 1942.

I have inspected the securities listed in (c) and find same to be in
accordance with the books.

Depreciation on equipment has been charged at the usual rates
for the year.

Inventories of supplies on hand have been listed and priced by
the Grand Scribe E. and are certified by him to be correct.

The statements presented herewith are correct and in accordance
with the books.

Fraternally submitted,

Calgary, Alberta.
March 21st, 1942.

HENRY W. FORD, C.A.,
Auditor.

Grand Treasurer's Statement

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand Feb. 28th, 1941:

Bank General Account.....	\$1,926.75
Bank Savings Account.....	327.85
	<hr/> \$2,254.60

Received from Chapters.....	\$1,877.11
Cash sales of supplies.....	21.00
Redemption of Prov. Svgs. Certs.....	1,000.00
Interest on Prov. Svgs. Certs.....	20.34
Interest on Dominion Bonds.....	84.50
Interest on Jasper Park Debentures.....	15.00
Interest on Bank Account.....	4.68
	<hr/> \$3,022.63

\$5,277.23

PAYMENTS

To Benevolence Fund.....	\$1,097.00
Orders on Treasurer.....	2,034.63
Safety Deposit Box.....	3.00
Exchange.....	5.75
	<hr/> \$3,140.38

Cash and Bank Balances at Feb. 28th, 1942:

Cash on hand.....	\$ 10.24
Bank, General Account.....	1,794.08
Bank, Savings Account.....	332.53
	<hr/> \$2,136.85

\$ 5,277.23

BENEVOLENCE FUND STATEMENT

Balance on hand Feb. 28th, 1941.....		\$3,750.00
Paid to Grand Master's War Fund.....	\$1,000.00	
Paid to Eheyeh Chapter.....	97.00	
		<u>\$1,097.00</u>
Balance on hand Feb. 28th, 1942, consisting of:		
Dominion Bonds.....	\$1,300.00	
Dominion Savings Certs.....	800.00	
Provincial Savings Certs.....	400.00	
Bank Savings Account.....	153.00	
		<u>\$2,653.00</u>

EXPENSE AND REVENUE STATEMENT**EXPENSES**

Depreciation.....		\$ 107.61
Grand Convocation:		
Proceedings.....	\$ 155.93	
Printing.....	9.99	
Rent.....	20.00	
Tyler.....	5.00	
Entertainment.....	29.70	
Grand Officers Regalia.....	1.16	
Grand Z. Regalia.....	98.57	
Grand Scribe E., travelling.....	11.55	
		<u>331.90</u>
Travelling:		
Grand Z., 1940-41.....	\$ 235.00	
Grand Z, 1941-42.....	175.00	
Grand Superintendents.....	75.00	
Grand Lecturer.....	12.45	
		<u>497.45</u>
Office:		
Salaries.....	\$ 625.00	
Insurance.....	18.90	
Telephone.....	36.83	
Supplies.....	36.18	
Stamps.....	27.47	
Deposit Box.....	3.00	
Exchange.....	.30	
Christmas Cards.....	14.58	
		<u>762.26</u>
		<u>\$1,699.22</u>

REVENUE

Affiliations.....	\$ 7.00	
Membership Certificates.....	195.00	
Dispensations.....	24.00	
Dues.....	1,094.00	
Fines.....	31.25	
Life Membership Certificates.....	43.00	
Interest.....	124.52	
Profit, Chapter Supplies.....	66.25	
Profit, Chapter Regalia.....	39.33	
		<u>\$1,624.35</u>
Deficit for the year.....		<u>74.87</u>
		<u>\$1,699.22</u>

Balance Sheet as at February 28th, 1942

ASSETS

Cash on hand.....	\$ 10.24
Bank, General Account.....	1,794.08
Bank, Savings Account.....	179.53
Due from Chapters.....	349.38
Less Credit Balances.....	15.98
Jasper Park Debentures.....	

Inventories:

Chapter Supplies.....	\$ 852.25
Chapter Regalia.....	24.32
Office Supplies.....	189.85
Unexpired Insurance.....	12.27
Prepaid 1942 Expense.....	5.00

Equipment at Cost:

G.O. Regalia.....	\$1,426.34
Office Equipment.....	593.63
Library.....	66.12

Less Depreciation.....

125.13
\$3,826.07

SURPLUS

As at February 28th, 1941.....	\$3,908.27
Less: Bow Bailey No. 10 Blee. W/O..	\$ 7.33
Deficit for the year.....	74.87

\$1,983.85

333.40
300.00

1,083.69

\$3,826.07

CHAPTER RETURNS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1941

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation	First Principal Z. 1942	Scribe E. 1942	Members Dec. 31, 1940	Admissions	Affiliations	Restorations	Demitted	Deletions	Deaths	Members Dec. 31, 1941	Increase	Decrease	Net Decrease
1	Alberta.....	Calgary.....	2nd Monday.....	C. Hillyard.....	F. J. Hand.....	150	7	1	.....	3	.....	.....	155	5	.....	.....
2	North Star.....	Edmonton.....	3rd Thursday.....	A. A. Cashman.....	O. J. Barker.....	128	2	.....	.....	4	11	2	113	.....	15	.....
3	Assiniboia.....	Medicine Hat.....	3rd Thursday.....	James Henderson.....	W. V. Sanders.....	134	1	.....	.....	1	.....	5	129	.....	5	.....
4	Shekinah.....	Lethbridge.....	2nd Wednesday.....	W. T. Rogers.....	J. C. Redman.....	82	1	1	.....	4	.....	1	79	.....	3	.....
5	Golden West.....	High River.....	4th Tuesday.....	L. O. Matkin.....	W. B. Way.....	76	11	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	89	13	.....	.....
6	Mount Horeb.....	Wetaskiwin.....	2nd Wednesday.....	F. F. Young.....	H. G. Smith.....	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	.....	.....	.....
8	Kether.....	Pincher Creek.....	3rd Thursday.....	R. E. Patterson.....	E. C. Finders.....	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	43	.....	1	.....
9	Otuskan.....	Calgary.....	1st Thursday.....	J. H. Booth.....	J. Cowey.....	126	18	.....	3	4	1	2	140	14	.....	.....
10	Bow Valley.....	Gleichen.....	2nd Tuesday.....	A. R. Yates.....	T. H. Beach.....	29	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	37	8	.....	.....
11	Calgary.....	Calgary.....	2nd Wednesday.....	R. R. Edwards.....	O. W. Harris.....	84	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1	83	.....	.....	.....
12	Keystone.....	Red Deer.....	4th Tuesday.....	J. Cuthbertson.....	A. G. Ayres.....	85	.....	1	.....	2	5	.....	79	.....	6	.....
13	Capital City.....	Edmonton.....	2nd Friday.....	C. Halliday.....	J. Cleveley.....	109	2	.....	.....	3	3	2	103	.....	6	.....
14	Vermilion.....	Vermilion.....	2nd Tuesday.....	T. H. Taylor.....	J. W. G. Morrison.....	36	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	2	.....	.....
15	Hillvue.....	Hillcrest.....	3rd Friday.....	D. Rees.....	R. E. Donkin.....	24	4	.....	1	2	.....	.....	27	3	.....	.....
16	Tau Cross.....	Clareholm.....	2nd Tuesday.....	M. S. Weatherhead.....	E. H. Mack.....	28	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	2	25	.....	3	.....
17	Mount Olivet.....	Killam.....	3rd Wednesday.....	E. T. Lake.....	Wm. Smith Jr.....	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	31	.....	2	.....
18	Norwood.....	Edmonton.....	1st Thursday.....	J. F. Hall.....	J. J. Clarke.....	46	.....	.....	.....	5	6	2	33	.....	13	.....
19	Hiram.....	Youngstown.....	Monday on or before full moon	W. S. Cummings.....	P. A. Davie.....	38	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	2	34	.....	4	.....
20	Banff.....	Banff.....	3rd Thursday.....	H. Manlett.....	T. W. Balderston.....	45	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	46	.....	.....	.....
21	Strathmore.....	Strathmore.....	2nd Thursday.....	C. Johnson.....	W. E. Mercer.....	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	46	.....	.....	.....
22	Joseph Stauffe.....	Amalgamated	with Crescent No. 24	J. Matheson.....	J. L. Clarke.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	18	.....	2	.....
24	Crescent.....	Calgary.....	1st Wednesday.....	J. L. Innes.....	J. T. Burns.....	57	3	1	.....	2	.....	1	58	1	.....	.....
26	Harmony.....	Bassano.....	4th Wednesday.....	E. J. Bell.....	J. R. Donaldson.....	43	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	2	42	.....	1	.....
27	Ehneyeh.....	Drumheller.....	1st Thursday.....	J. H. Marsh.....	A. Nicoll.....	67	2	2	.....	.....	.....	2	69	2	.....	.....
28	Hanna.....	Hanna.....	3rd Wednesday.....	S. A. Miller.....	C. Wylie.....	30	.....	.....	1	4	.....	1	26	.....	4	.....
30	Edson.....	Edson.....	2nd Tuesday.....	H. McGowan.....	A. J. Fyfe.....	58	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	54	.....	4	.....
						1659	64	8	9	40	32	29	1639	52	72	20

On the motion of M. E. Companion H. Sandilands, seconded by M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, it was

RESOLVED that the reports as printed be received and referred to the Committee on Audit and Finance.

Grand Chapter adjourned at 12:05 p.m. to meet at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

Grand Chapter resumed business at 2:05 o'clock p.m.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY IN ALBERTA

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry in the Jurisdiction of Alberta beg to report as follows:

We have carefully reviewed the reports of District Superintendents as supplied by the Grand Scribe E. and note:

(1) We began the year with 26 chapters and ended with 25. Joseph Stauffer Chapter No. 22, after due consideration, and in conformity with Grand Chapter regulations, decided that it could not continue to operate at Didsbury, and decided to amalgamate with Crescent Chapter No. 24. Under the circumstances as pointed out to us, your committee heartily approve of the action, and believe much credit is due R. E. Companion Clarke and V. E. Companion Hartman for this happy consummation. We would like to point out to other subordinate chapters the great desirability of amalgamation with their nearest neighbour rather than surrendering their charter and ceasing to function.

(2) We are informed that Keystone Chapter No. 12 has given notice of its intention to cease operations. This we regret and believe unnecessary. In the populous centre of Red Deer there should certainly be plenty of opportunities for increase in membership, and also for spreading the principles of Royal Arch Masonry in these troublesome times.

(3) Our loss in membership for the year is only 20—yet it is a loss. We had hoped for a better report in this connection—may we look forward to a gain for 1942.

(4) Last year we suggested the desirability of this Grand Chapter printing a leaflet pointing out the reasons for becoming Royal Arch Masons, for distribution by our members to prospective candidates. We have reviewed what we consider a suitable leaflet, and recommend that the Grand Scribe E. secure sufficient copies for the use of our membership.

(5) We are pleased to note that the Grand Superintendents performed their several duties satisfactorily and that all chapters in their districts were officially visited. We see, however, that in

some cases there was a duplication of Grand Chapter visits on the same evening. May we here repeat again, with added emphasis our suggestion of 1940:

"We believe that it is undesirable for the District Superintendents to make their official visit coincident with that of the Grand First Principal, neither should his official visit be at the time of the District Meeting. It helps to sustain interest to have as many Grand Chapter Officers visit as is possible on separate occasions."

(6) We regret to report that only one Chapter (Strathmore) accomplished any educational work during the past 12 months. Does this possibly account for some of our attendance and membership difficulties? We believe the incoming Grand Council might stir up some much needed interest in our chapter meetings if, a selected few were asked in each district to prepare suitable papers or addresses dealing with some phase of Royal Arch work, and notify the Scribe E. of the subordinate chapters where such speakers might be obtainable. We believe there are enough of our members interested sufficiently in our Royal Craft to undertake such Educational Programs.

(7) Our attention has been drawn to the fact that some of our chapters hold their meetings on statutory holidays if that happens to be the night of their regular meeting, and in one case the District Superintendent chose that evening for his official visit. Needless to say the attendance was very small and not much good could possibly result. It is our opinion that it is inadvisable for meetings to be held on statutory holidays, and that the necessary steps should be taken both by amending Grand Chapter constitution and subordinate chapter by-laws, if and where necessary, so that chapters could choose some other suitable date and that without special dispensation from Grand Chapter.

(8) The District meetings were well attended and well represented, and served as a rallying point for greater activities. In District No. 2, Hanna No. 28 and Hiram No. 19 were not represented.

The Grand Superintendents of the other Districts did not report on how many of their chapters were represented at their meetings. We recommend that the rank of Past District Superintendent be conferred on:

R. E. Companion A. J. Fyfe
R. E. Companion T. S. Hughes
R. E. Companion E. G. Pepper
R. E. Companion P. G. Peterson

Respectfully submitted,

J. V. FOLLETT, *Chairman.*

H. W. B. BELL,

J. R. FLAN

F. W. KEYTE.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Follett, seconded by M. E. Companion Minchin, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg to report that no matter has been submitted to this Committee for action. We wish to congratulate this Grand Chapter on the harmony which prevails in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. McCURDY, *Chairman*

W. E. MERCER,

E. G. ELLERTON.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Sandilands, seconded by R. E. Companion Ford, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence begs to submit its report for the year for your consideration.

Only one matter of import was referred to the Committee for a ruling or opinion. A Companion whose name was deleted from the records of a Chapter for non-payment of dues applied for a demit to enable him to join another Chapter in a different province. He enclosed one year's dues. The Alberta Chapter had surrendered its charter shortly after the deletion, the Grand Chapter coming into possession of its books, records, etc. The question was whether Grand Scribe E. (otherwise Grand Chapter) could issue a demit and what seal should be used. Your committee gave as its opinion or ruling that the Alberta Chapter having surrendered its charter no longer existed and therefore could not issue a demit nor could its seal be used. Whatever functions this Chapter performed had now been transferred to or merged in Grand Chapter and therefore Grand Scribe E. as representing Grand Chapter, alone could issue the demit and under the seal of Grand Chapter, and that under the circumstances in this case it was quite within his jurisdiction to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. G. MORRISON,

J. R. FLAN,

C. H. MINCHIN.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The matter of the "surrender" of Keystone Chapter No. 12 of its charter for the "duration" has been referred to your committee for a report.

Your committee is of opinion the "surrender" by this chapter of its charter for "duration" does not conform to the requirements laid down by the Constitution of Grand Chapter and hence in its present form cannot be accepted. Your committee therefore recommends that the charter and any records or funds forwarded to Grand Scribe E. be returned to that chapter.

It is further recommended that Grand Chapter at the same time appeal to that chapter to continue functioning, even at the sacrifice of holding meetings, provided the per capita tax be paid and further that Grand Chapter convey to Keystone Chapter the suggestion that it secure a reduction in the rental charge at a rate of so much per meeting and by doing so the Grand Chapter feels that the chapter will, or shortly will, be in position to carry on and perpetuate the good work done in years past by Keystone Chapter in the cause of Royal Arch Maonry.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. G. MORRISON,
C. H. MINCHIN,
J. R. FLAN.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Morrison, seconded by M. E. Companion Flan, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Address of the Grand First Principal is a practical report of his activities during the past year, and we join with him in his welcome to the Companions in attendance today.

We endorse his reference to the present world conditions, also agree with him in his expressions of confidence for happier times to come. He is to be congratulated on his very full report of his visits both at Constituent Chapters, District Meetings, and also his visit to the Grand Chapter of Manitoba. He has certainly had a busy year and covered a lot of ground.

We concur in his recommendation regarding Past Grand Rank being conferred on the District Superintendents, and also that his recommendation that elections be confirmed.

We notice that he has granted some fourteen Dispensations, all of which we consider in order.

With regard to the recommendation of the Grand First Principal, respecting method of balloting in election of officers, we suggest Grand Chapter take this under consideration; of course, any proposed changes would require an amendment to the Constitution.

Regarding Ballot Boxes, we believe that if proper care is exercised by the responsible officers errors mentioned by him can be avoided.

We concur in his recommendation regarding programme of speakers.

We do not agree that all chapters have a uniform fee for exaltation, or that it is possible. The Constitution gives each chapter the prerogative to set its own fees and dues, and this is a universal Masonic custom.

Regarding his recommendation that a roll of honour be started, while this is a worthy suggestion, we consider that the roll used by Craft Lodges is sufficient for the present time.

We are not aware of any restrictions being placed on the mode of travel permitted to the Grand First Principal—he can use his own discretion on that matter, but as pointed out in our report on page 47 of the Proceedings of 1941, there is a limit to the expenses which Grand Chapter can pay.

We wish to record our appreciation of the services rendered by M. E. Companion Way on a year of active and faithful service to the Royal Craft.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. MINCHIN, *Chairman*.
H. SANDILANDS,
W. E. MERCER,
J. W. G. MORRISON,
J. R. FLAN
H. W. B. BELL

On the motion of M. E. Companion Minchin, seconded by M. E. Companion Morrison, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address be received and adopted.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Morrison, seconded by M. E. Companion Minchin, it was

RESOLVED that the Supplementary Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The following Chapters have reported as having expended various sums for Benevolence:

North Star Chapter No. 2.
Golden West Chapter No. 5.
Otuskwan Chapter No. 9.
Banff Chapter No. 20.

We commend these Chapters for practising this truly Masonic virtue, and express the hope that they will always be in a position to extend relief to distressed Companions.

Since our last report, by resolution of this Grand Chapter, \$1,000.00 from our Benevolence Fund was sent to assist in relieving suffering and distress, caused by the war among our Companions in England.

A further sum of \$97.00 was granted to a Chapter on behalf of a worthy Companion.

Fraternally submitted,

J. R. FLAN,
W. E. MERCER,
R. C. RANKIN,
J. M. DONALDSON,
R. M. LAMBERTSON.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Flan, seconded by R. E. Companion J. M. Donaldson, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

It is very fitting indeed that amid the variedness of our deliberations here in Grand Chapter Convocation we should pause from our thoughts of the living to render homage, in a fitting manner to those of our companions who for a while travelled with us along the highway of life but now are members of the Grand Chapter ON HIGH.

Reverence, gratitude, appreciation for their worthy lives undoubtedly will spur us who still remain.

During these times when the frequency of death is so forcibly and continually impressed upon us by the radio, the press, the telegraph, the telephone and the written word it is of paramount importance that we should not let ourselves be shaken in spirit neither should we become hardened and irresponsive.

The poet, the philosopher, the thinker of all races and ages, each have indelibly inscribed their views on death.

Pope says:

*Sleep and Death, two twins of winged race,
Of matchless swiftness, but of silent pace.*

Shelley says:

*How wonderful is death—
Death and his brother, sleep.*

Shakespeare mused:

*Cowards die many times before their deaths,
The valiant never taste of death but once.*

The truly great wanted no glowing epitaph. Lincoln said, "Die when I may, I want it said of me by those who knew me best that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow." So, no doubt, said many of those of our Companions who were of us but are no more on earth.

Their humility is no reason, however, for us not placing on record in this Grand Chapter Proceedings how deeply we deplore their loss, for death's sway is a respecter neither of young or old.

This Grand Chapter has sustained the loss of 29 companions.

With Jerome B. Bell, we too can say:

*What is this mystery men called death?
My friend before me lies, in all save breath
He seems the same as yesterday. His face
So like to life, so calm, bears not a trace
Of the great change which all of us so dread.
I gaze on him and say: He is not dead,
But sleeps, and soon he will arise and take
Me by the hand. I know he will awake
And smile on me as he did yesterday
And he will have some gentle word to say,
Some kindly deed to do, for loving thought
Was warp and woof of which his life was wrought—
He is not dead. Such souls forever live
In boundless measure of the love they give.*

Our Sister Jurisdictions have also suffered the loss of some 23 Past Grand Officers.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. ELLERTON, *Chairman.*

R. M. LAMBERTSON,

H. SANDILANDS.

DEATHS IN OUR OWN JURISDICTION

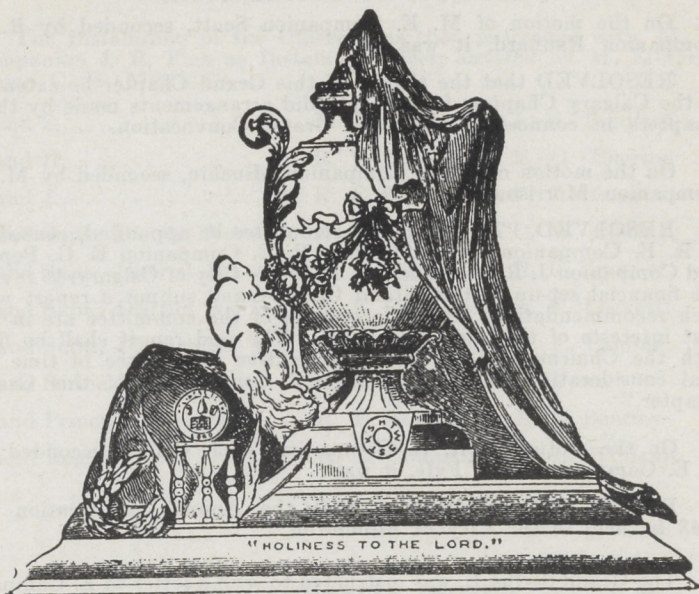
North Star, No. 2.....	A. F. Folkers, W. E. Whiteley.
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	C. D. Holder, S. J. McCarger, W. B. Stevens, C. J. Althen, F. J. McComb.
Shekinah, No. 4.....	T. C. Ridpath.
Kether, No. 8.....	A. R. Dempster.
Otiskwan, No. 9.....	T. D. Cairns, W. H. Harding.
Bow Valley, No. 10....	T. A. Thorsen.
Calgary, No. 11.....	T. W. McKee.
Capital City, No. 13...	K. Fraser, W. Morley.
Tau Cross, No. 16.....	J. Giroux (1939), George Simpson.
Mount Olivet, No. 17..	J. R. Large.
Norwood, No. 18.....	T. M. Hughes, W. C. Ross.
Hiram, No. 19.....	W. S. Lee, Edwin Church.
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22	W. H. Matthews.
Crescent, No. 24.....	Henry Evans.
Harmony, No. 26.....	R. W. Summerbell, R. H. Struthers.
Eheyeh, No. 27.....	H. Crowder, S. L. McMullen.
Hanna, No. 28.....	J. P. Rorabeck.

DEATHS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Arizona.....	C. H. Colman and F. G. Brecht, P.G.H.P.'s
Arkansas.....	Jno. T. Hicks, P.G.H.P.
British Columbia....	Sam'l Drake, P.G.Z.
California.....	M. B. Jones, P.G.H.P.
Florida.....	J. R. Keller and C. B. Fish, P.G.H.P.'s
Indiana.....	W. W. Goltra, P.G.H.P.
Iowa.....	Jas. H. Sterling, P.G.H.P.
Kansas.....	C. N. Fowler, P.G.H.P.
Kentucky.....	Jas. T. T. Hourigan, P.G.H.P.
Maine.....	Frank P. Denarco, P.G.S.
Michigan.....	Harry L. Izor, P.G.H.P.
Minnesota.....	Fred W. Senn, G.H.P.
Mississippi.....	Jos. J. Brooks, P.G.H.P.
Montana.....	David Craig, P.G.H.P.
Nebraska.....	Wm. D. Funk, P.G.H.P.
Nova Scotia.....	Brenton F. Porter, P.G.S.
Pennsylvania.....	Jos. E. Quimby, P.G.H.P., Gd. Sec'y.
Vermont.....	Wm. S. Terrill, P.G.H.P.
Washington.....	Wm. Ferguson, P.G.H.P.
West Virginia.....	Jos. C. LeSage, P.G.H.P.
Wisconsin.....	Frank E. Noyes, P.G.H.P.

On the motion of R. E. Companion Ellerton, seconded by M. E. Companion Sandilands, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.



In Memory
OF THE DECEASED
Companions of Our Own
and Sister Jurisdictions
FOR THE YEAR 1941

*"For one by one those loved the best
Slip out at evening prayer;
Soon we, like them, shall go to rest
While shadows fill the air."*

GENERAL BUSINESS

On the motion of M. E. Companion Scott, seconded by R. E. Companion Rannard, it was

RESOLVED that the thanks of this Grand Chapter be extended to the Calgary Chapters for the splendid arrangements made by these Chapters in connection with this Grand Convocation.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Minchin, seconded by M. E. Companion Morrison, it was

RESOLVED, "That a special committee be appointed, consisting of R. E. Companion H. H. Fletcher, R. E. Companion E. G. Pepper and Companion J. Ross Henderson, all of the City of Calgary, to review the financial set-up of this Grand Chapter and submit a report with such recommendations as in the opinion of the committee are in the best interests of this Grand Chapter. The said report shall be filed with the Chairman of the Grand Executive Committee in time for final consideration at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter."

On the motion of R. E. Companion, J. J. Clarke, seconded by R. E. Companion A. J. Fyfe, it was

RESOLVED, unanimously, that the Annual Convocation for 1943 be held in the City of Edmonton.

The Grand Scribe E. was instructed to send a letter to E. Companion J. Hall, of Norwood Chapter No. 18, expressive of the sympathy of this Grand Chapter, hoping for a speedy recovery.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers resulted in the following being elected:

Grand First Principal.....	M. E. Companion J. E. Rannard
Grand Second Principal.....	R. E. Companion E. G. Ellerton
Grand Third Principal.....	R. E. Companion F. J. Hand
Grand Treasurer.....	R. E. Companion T. S. Jeffery
Grand Scribe E.....	R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson
Grand Scribe N.....	R. E. Companion J. Brown
Grand Principal Sojourner.....	R. E. Companion H. E. Bentley
Grand Registrar.....	R. E. Companion N. B. Williams
Executive Committee, two-	
year term.....	R. E. Companion H. H. Fletcher
	R. E. Companion R. C. Rankin
	R. E. Companion J. M. Donaldson
	R. E. Companion N. B. Williams

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Installation of the Officers was then proceeded with, M. E. Companion J. R. Flan as Installing Officer, assisted by M. E. Companion C. H. Minchin.

Grand Z.....	M. E. Companion J. E. Rannard
Grand H.....	R. E. Companion E. G. Ellerton
Grand J.....	R. E. Companion F. J. Hand
Grand Supt., District No. 1....	R. E. Companion C. W. Lilley
Grand Supt., District No. 2....	R. E. Companion R. P. Umbrite
Grand Supt., District No. 3....	R. E. Companion A. E. Lockett
Grand Supt., District No. 4....	R. E. Companion G. F. Pauling
Grand Scribe N.....	R. E. Companion J. Brown
Grand Principal Sojourner.....	R. E. Companion H. E. Bentley
Grand Registrar.....	R. E. Companion N. B. Williams

GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was closed in AMPLE FORM at 6:20 o'clock p.m.

Cyril A. MacPherson

Grand Scribe E.

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS SINCE ORGANIZATION MAY 19th, 1914

*S. Y. Taylor.....	1914	J. R. Flan.....	1929
*J. N. Rankin.....	1915	J. W. G. Morrison.....	1930
F. S. Watson.....	1916	J. A. McGhee.....	1931
*R. Patterson.....	1917	J. V. Follett.....	1932
*A. R. Dickson.....	1918	A. West.....	1933
M. M. Downey.....	1919	A. Davison.....	1934
N. T. Macleod.....	1920	W. E. Mercer.....	1935
*H. Darling.....	1921	H. Sandilands.....	1936
G. B. McLeod.....	1922	C. H. Minchin.....	1937
W. T. Coote.....	1923	A. B. McCurdy.....	1938
J. E. Johnson.....	1924	H. W. B. Bell.....	1939
S. H. Middleton.....	1925	W. H. Scott.....	1940
E. G. Ironside.....	1926	W. B. Way.....	1941
*W. M. McNab.....	1927	J. E. Rannard.....	1942
*F. S. Selwood.....	1928		

HONORARY PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

J. F. Yorke.....	Saskatchewan
D. F. Adams.....	British Columbia
G. C. Burgess.....	Saskatchewan
H. de Roche.....	Saskatchewan
*A. Little.....	Manitoba
H. L. Adolph.....	Manitoba
*R. J. F. Coster.....	Saskatchewan
J. F. Dart.....	Manitoba
J. F. Irwin.....	Manitoba
E. R. Wylie.....	Saskatchewan
F. E. Doull.....	Saskatchewan
T. S. Cook.....	Manitoba
W. B. Saunders.....	Wyoming
W. B. Hooker.....	Saskatchewan
E. T. Johnson.....	Manitoba
S. D. Cruden.....	Manitoba
C. E. Cole.....	Manitoba
S. H. Jackson.....	Saskatchewan
S. Fea.....	British Columbia
A. E. Miscampbell.....	Saskatchewan
W. L. Clink.....	Saskatchewan

HONORARY MEMBERS

Geo. Syme.....	Manitoba
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GRAND SCRIBES E.

M. M. Downey.....	1914 - 1916
J. E. Johnson.....	1917 - 1921
E. G. Ironside.....	1922 - 1924
*C. R. Wentzel.....	1925 - 1932
C. A. MacPherson.....	1933 - 1939

* Deceased. † Demitted.

CHAPTERS BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

District No. 1

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion C. W. Lilley,
Address: 11030-81st Ave., Edmonton

No. 2	North Star.....	Edmonton
No. 6	Mount Horeb.....	Wetaskiwin
No. 13	Capital City.....	Edmonton
No. 14	Vermilion.....	Vermilion
No. 17	Mount Olivet.....	Killam
No. 18	Norwood.....	Edmonton
No. 30	Edson.....	Edson

District No. 2

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion R. P. Umbrite,
Address: Gleichen, Alberta.

No. 10	Bow Valley.....	Gleichen
No. 19	Hiram.....	Youngstown
No. 21	Strathmore.....	Strathmore
No. 26	Harmony.....	Bassano
No. 27	Eheyeh.....	Drumheller
No. 28	Hanna.....	Hanna

District No. 3

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion A. E. Lockett,
Address: 1901-2nd St. West, Calgary, Alberta

No. 1	Alberta.....	Calgary
No. 9	Otuskwan.....	Calgary
No. 11	Calgary.....	Calgary
No. 12	Keystone.....	Red Deer
No. 20	Banff.....	Banff
No. 22	Joseph Stauffer.....	Didsbury
No. 24	Crescent.....	Calgary

District No. 4

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion G. F. Pauling,
Address: 44-4th St. S.W., Medicine Hat, Alberta

No. 3	Assiniboia.....	Medicine Hat
No. 4	Shekinah.....	Lethbridge
No. 5	Golden West.....	High River
No. 8	Kether.....	Pincher Creek
No. 15	Hillvue.....	Hillcrest
No. 16	Tau Cross.....	Claresholm

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President—R. E. Companion E. G. Ellerton, Grand H.

M. E. Companion J. E. Rannard, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion F. J. Hand	Grand J.
R. E. Companion C. W. Lilley	Grand Supt. Dist. No. 1
R. E. Companion R. P. Umbrite	Grand Supt. Dist. No. 2
R. E. Companion A. E. Lockett	Grand Supt. Dist. No. 3
R. E. Companion G. F. Pauling	Grand Supt. Dist. No. 4
R. E. Companion T. S. Jeffery	Grand Treasurer
R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson	Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)
R. E. Companion J. Brown	Grand Scribe N.
and all Past Grand First Principals, by virtue of office.	

ELECTED BY GRAND CHAPTER

R. E. Companion H. H. Fletcher	Two Years
R. E. Companion R. C. Rankin	Two Years
R. E. Companion J. M. Donaldson	Two Years
R. E. Companion N. B. Williams	Two Years
R. E. Companion J. Cleveley	One Year
R. E. Companion H. E. Bentley	One Year
R. E. Companion F. W. Keyte	One Year
R. E. Companion R. M. Lambertson	One Year

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Lecturer	M. E. Companion J. R. Flan
Grand Senior Sojourner	V. E. Companion F. Smith
Grand Junior Sojourner	V. E. Companion E. Figg
Grand Sword Bearer	V. E. Companion R. H. Wood
Grand Master 1st Veil	V. E. Companion B. Sanderson
Grand Master 2nd Veil	V. E. Companion J. R. W. Teasdale
Grand Master 3rd Veil	V. E. Companion J. Malkin
Grand Master 4th Veil	V. E. Companion E. T. Lake
Grand Director of Ceremonies	V. E. Companion J. Hall
Grand Organist	Companion J. Bullough
Grand Pursuivant	V. E. Companion R. D. Layng
Grand Steward	V. E. Companion J. Henderson
Grand Steward	V. E. Companion W. J. Bocking
Grand Steward	V. E. Companion T. Bestwick
Grand Steward	V. E. Companion T. H. Beach
Grand Tyler	Companion F. Loughlin

SUB-COMMITTEES

Grand First Principal's Address

All Past Grand First Principals; M. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, *Chairman*.

Credentials

R. E. Companion N. B. Williams, *Chairman*; All Grand Superintendents.

Warrants

M. E. Companion W. T. Coote, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions M. M. Downey, J. W. G. Morrison, J. A. McGhee.

Condition of Capitular Masonry

M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions W. T. Coote, J. R. Flan, H. W. B. Bell, W. H. Scott; R. E. Companions R. C. Rankin, J. M. Donaldson, F. W. Keyte.

Jurisprudence

M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions M. M. Downey, J. R. Flan, A. West, A. B. McCurdy, C. H. Minchin, W. T. Coote, R. E. Comp. F. J. Hand.

Audit and Finance

M. E. Companion H. W. B. Bell, *Chairman*; N. E. Companions C. H. Minchin, J. V. Follett, J. R. Flan, A. West, A. Davison; R. E. Companions T. S. Jeffery, C. A. MacPherson, H. H. Fletcher.

Grievances and Appeals

M. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions W. E. Mercer, J. A. McGhee, G. B. McLeod, R. E. Companions E. G. Ellerton.

Benevolence

M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions M. M. Downey, A. West, J. A. McGhee, E. G. Ironside, W. E. Mercer; R. E. Companions R. C. Rankin, J. M. Donaldson, R. M. Lambertson.

Fraternal Dead

R. E. Companion F. J. Hand, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions H. Sandilands; R. E. Companions J. Cleveley, R. M. Lambertson, N. B. Williams.

Fraternal Correspondence

R. E. Companion H. E. Bentley, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions J. V. Follett, C. H. Minchin, E. G. Ironside, J. W. G. Morrison, A. West; R. E. Companions J. W. Verge, F. J. Hand.

Permanent Committee on Work

M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, *Chairman*; M. E. Companion H. Sandilands; R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson.

Library, Research and Education

M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions H. Sandilands, J. R. Flan, J. W. G. Morrison, W. H. Scott.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Edmonton on Wednesday, the 12th day of May, 1943.

C. A. MacPHERSON,

Grand Scribe E.

GRAND SECRETARIES OF GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS

Grand Chapter	Name	Address
Alabama.....	Guy T. Smith.....	Masonic Temple, Montgomery
Arizona.....	Harry A. Drachman.....	Tucson, Box 238
Arkansas.....	John Q. Wolf.....	Batesville
British Columbia.....	F. C. Bird.....	535 Georgia St., Vancouver.
California.....	Thomas A. Davies.....	San Francisco, Rm. 432, Mas. Temple
Canada.....	Edwin Smith.....	Toronto, 708 Temple Bldg.
Colorado.....	C. A. Patton.....	319 Masonic Temple, Denver
Connecticut.....	W. E. Cort.....	Masonic Temple, New Haven
Delaware.....	John W. Macklem.....	Wilmington, Box 94
District of Columbia.....	J. Claude Keiper.....	Washington, Masonic Temple
England.....	Sydney A. White.....	Freemasons' Hall
Florida.....	Summer R. Hall.....	29 Providence St., Fort Myers
Georgia.....	William J. Penn Jr.....	Macon
Idaho.....	Edward H. Way.....	Boise, Box 1203
Illinois.....	J. E. Core.....	Springfield, Box 565.
Indiana.....	Charles C. Thomas.....	Marion
Iowa.....	George E. Masters.....	Glenwood
Ireland.....	Henry C. Shellard, Gd. Reg.....	Dublin, Freemasons' Hall
Kansas.....	Elmer F. Strain.....	Masonic Temple, Topeka
Kentucky.....	Ray G. Tipton.....	Irvine
Louisiana.....	Lee W. Harris.....	P.O. Box 404, Alexandria.
Maine.....	Convers E. Leach.....	Masonic Temple, Portland
Manitoba.....	Adam Armstrong, G.S.E.....	906 Confederation Life Bldg., Winnipeg
Maryland.....	Chas. H. Welden.....	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Raymond T. Sewell.....	Boston, Rm. 209, Masonic Temple
Michigan.....	C. N. Wilson.....	95 W. Chicago Street, Coldwater.
Minnesota.....	J. H. Anderson (Acting).....	St. Paul, Mas. Temple, 6th and Smith
Mississippi.....	Sid. F. Curtis.....	Meridian.
Missouri.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Trenton
Montana.....	Luther T. Hauberg.....	Helena, Box 896
Nebraska.....	Lewis E. Smith.....	Omaha, Rm. 401, Masonic Temple
Nevada.....	E. C. Peterson.....	Carson
New Brunswick.....	R. E. Crawford.....	St. John Masonic Temple
New Hampshire.....	J. M. Dresser.....	Concord, 44 South Main St.
New Jersey.....	Charles D. McCracken.....	Lambertville, 5 Jefferson St.
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque, Box 535
New South Wales.....	Frederick R. Sinden.....	Sydney, 160 Castlereagh St.
New York.....	C. G. Wilhelms.....	Masonic Hall, Bayside, L.I., New York
New Zealand.....	F. J. Rea.....	Box 1295, Wellington
North Carolina.....	William R. Smith.....	Raleigh
North Dakota.....	Walter L. Stockwell.....	Fargo
Nova Scotia.....	J. McG. Rutherford.....	Halifax, N.S.
Ohio.....	Mont C. Hambright.....	Springfield
Oklahoma.....	James A. Lathim.....	Muskogee
Oregon.....	D. Rufus Cheney.....	Portland, Masonic Temple
Pennsylvania.....	J. C. F. Kitselman.....	Mas. Temple, Broad & Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, Penn.
Queensland.....	S. W. Coulter.....	Box 425F, G.P.O.
Quebec.....	William W. Williamson, G.S.E.....	Montreal, Box 3172
Rhode Island.....	Wilbur A. Scott.....	Providence.
Saskatchewan.....	Francis B. Reilly, G.S.E.....	Regina, 312 Westman Chambers.
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South Dakota.....	W. D. Swain.....	Masonic Temple, Sioux Falls
Tennessee.....	Thomas E. Doss.....	Nashville, Scottish Rite Temple
Texas.....	Thomas M. Bartley.....	Waco
Utah.....	J. W. Beless.....	Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City
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W. H. Trench	Vancouver	British Columbia	H. Sandilands	Edmonton
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GRAND CHAPTER PROCEEDINGS

REVIEWED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

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ALABAMA

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Convocation was held at Montgomery on December 2nd, 1940.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form at 1:30 p.m. by the Grand High Priest William C. Davis.

There were ten Past Grand High Priests present.

Grand Representatives present were welcomed and requested to convey greetings and good wishes to their respective Grand Chapters. Alberta was not represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest refers to conditions as they were then, especially as to the status of Royal Arch Masonry in dictator countries. He paints a gloomy picture but relieves it with the ever inspiring hope of better days to come. Conditions have changed greatly since this fine address was given and the congratulations of the committee on the Grand High Priest's address were timely and well deserved.

Excellent Companion A. M. Schmitt presented to Grand Chapter a framed certificate issued to a Royal Arch Mason by Tuskaloosa No. 1 in 1823, which was accepted with sincere thanks.

No reviews.

44 Chapters. 3,097 Members. Decrease 134.

M. E. Companion Llewellyn R. Hillyer elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

H.E.B.

ARIZONA

The Fifty-first Annual Convocation was held at Phoenix on April 1st, 1941.

M. E. Companion Albert H. Buehman, Grand High Priest, presided.

All subordinate Chapters found present.

Alberta was represented by M. E. Companion Everett M. McEachren, Past Grand High Priest.

In connection with the state of the craft the Grand High priest says that throughout the state there seemed to be a renewal of interest in Capitular Masonry and that "no Chapter is dormant as long as there is one Companion who shows enthusiasm and works for the up-building of Capitular Masonry in that Chapter." He reports a gain of 38 for the year. The Grand High Priest visited every Chapter in his jurisdiction accompanied on each visit by a car load of companions. He notes that many of the Grand Representatives are continually absent and means are being taken to supplant the absentees.

Companion George E. Hutchinson, Edmonton, was named as the Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Temple Chapter portrayed the Royal Arch Degree out in the open on their selected site of an old Indian Pueblo.

Steps are being contemplated towards starting a Masonic Library, sponsored by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter has \$5,000 uninvested funds and \$2,000 more maturing that year.

"The power of public opinion still sways our nation," says the Grand High Priest, and "where Masonry is, there also will be Democracy".

The Grand Chapter closed its financial year with a cash balance of \$8,115.00

823 Members—a gain of 38 over the previous year.

Sister and Foreign Grand Jurisdictions are extensively reviewed under topical headings.

J.W.G.M.

ARKANSAS, 1940

The Ninety-second Annual Convocation was held in the City of Little Rock on Thursday, November 21st, 1940.

The Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, R. E. Companion J. W. Best, was present and answered the roll call.

M. E. Companion Walter C. Hickman, Grand High Priest, in his address, gave account of his stewardship of his exalted office in a very clear and concise manner, and from this address one can realize that he must have had a very real sense of the duties he so ably performed. One terse sentence of this address is well worth repeating: "My conclusion after serving a year as your Grand High Priest is that the greatest need is leadership in the subordinate Chapters."

The Grand Secretary reported that no deaths had occurred of Grand Officers within the year, and for the first time in twelve years the membership showed a gain.

M. E. Companion Ernest W. St. John was elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

Total Chapters reporting, 46. 2,703 Members. Net gain, 13.

H.E.B.

ARKANSAS, 1941

The Ninety-third Convocation was held in Albert Pike Temple, at Little Rock, on November 20th, 1941, with Grand High Priest E. W. St. John presiding and all Grand Chapter Officers present.

Our Grand Representative, E. Companion J. W. Best, attended.

The Grand High Priest's Address states he was "optimistic of the future". In twelve years their membership declined from 8,000 to 2,777 in 1939. In 1940, thanks to a hard-working Grand High Priest, the net gain was 13 and now in 1941 the gain was 112, showing M. E. Companion St. John was active too.

He enquires of each Chapter if they do any charitable, fraternal or social work, or have a part in civic affairs. If its activities are only eating, meeting and degree work, then it is doing only a part of what it should do.

He seldom called on any District Deputy to perform any special duty, although they were ready and willing. We advise: "Keep everyone working".

He contends that if a dormant Chapter fails to act on a petition for membership, that the Grand Council should be empowered to waive jurisdiction, but the Committee refused such a change.

The future Grand High Priests will be provided with an appropriate Apron, and 1,000 new Rituals will be printed and distributed.

Grand Secretary Wolf again states that nothing was paid for rent, fuel, water, light, telephone or office equipment and no complaints were made about that.

Three Chapters were lost and the granting of a charter to a new one was postponed.

41 Chapters. 2,718 Members. Net gain, 112.

E.G.I.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Twenty-third Annual Convocation was held at Vancouver on June 18th, 1941.

The Grand Chapter of Alberta was represented by M. E. Companion W. R. Trench, who answered the roll call. Thirty-five Grand Representatives were present.

A telegram was received from M. E. Companion W. B. Way, First Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, expressing his regrets at his inability to be present.

Distinguished visitors from other Grand Bodies, including M. E. Knight F. Davey Diamond, Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar, as well as M. E. Companions from the Grand Chapters of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Washington, Oregon and Ontario, were introduced, given Grand Honours and welcomed to the Grand Convocation.

The invocation was rendered by M. E. Companion Rev. Dr. S. Fea who will be remembered by many Alberta Companions for his inspiring address given at Calgary on the occasion of the 26th Annual Convocation on May 8th, 1940.

M. E. Companion Stanley Gordon, Grand Z., gave a very interesting and detailed report of what must have been a very busy year, and we were impressed with the following excerpt: "We are still working in the shadow of a great conflict which, as you all hear many times during these distressing times, is striking at the foundation of Masonry and the Democratic Government under which we live. I hope that not one of us but is doing some special part to help our Government in the hour of our extremity."

The Grand Chapter mourned the loss of R. E. Companion Goodall, Grand H., who passed to his reward on January 31st, 1941.

*"May the Great Jehovah find ample and pleasant work for him
in the Great Beyond."*

A resolution of loyalty to Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth was carried unanimously and ordered to be transmitted to them through the Honourable the Secretary of State for Canada.

The reviews are very interesting and educational and add greatly to the joy of perusing these Proceedings. Alberta is very favourably handled and the foreword of the reviewer, V. E. Companion J. J. Miller, should be read by all Companions.

28 Chapters. 2,042 Members. Net loss, 55.

M. E. Companion Dr. George E. L. MacKinnon was installed as Grand First Principal for the ensuing year.

H.E.B.

CALIFORNIA

The Eighty-seventh Annual Convocation was held in San Francisco in April, 1941.

M. E. Companion Walter C. Haight, Grand High Priest.

Alberta represented by Companion Charles H. King, Past Grand High Priest.

An interesting feature was the presence of Companion Leo V. Youngworth, a survivor of the earthquake and fire of April 18, 1906. Attendance 333 including Representatives from 113 chartered Chapters.

The Grand High Priest in his report said:

"We have been compelled in the last twelve months to witness the extinction of all Masonic bodies in all foreign democratic countries in the world except Great Britain and her Dominions beyond the seas. The situation calls for a personal consecration to the cause of democratic government, upon the existence of which depends the advancements and prosperity of our fraternity."

The Grand High Priest found on the whole the Chapters in his jurisdiction alert and progressive. In the matter of consolidation of Chapters he did not find this had always produced the results that were anticipated. He thinks that loss of membership is due more than anything else to Chapters postponing suspension of delinquent members long after the situation had become hopeless. An active membership committee should do a great deal to combat delinquency among the members. When a companion, he adds, becomes delinquent and receives no attention from the Chapter or officers, he is liable to feel that his membership is not particularly desired and governs

himself accordingly. This Reviewer is in absolute accord with that sentiment.

Membership 17,213—the net loss being 325. There were 380 deaths during the year and the Royal Arch was conferred on 547 companions.

Arthur F. Thomas installed as M. E. Grand High Priest.

Alberta reviewed.

J.W.G.M.

CANADA

The Grand Chapter met in the City of London, observing the One Hundredth anniversary of the establishment of Freemasonry in that city by a lodge working under a dispensation from Ireland, known as St. John's No. 209; also a Royal Arch Chapter known as St. John's I.R.

This was the Eighty-third Annual Convocation.

157 Chapters—33 not represented. 17,252 Members, Loss, 635.

Alberta's Representative, M. E. Companion John Empey, Grand First Principal-elect.

The Grand First Principal, in his address, says that he thinks "Masonry is responsible to a great extent for the goodwill prevailing between the United States and the British Commonwealth of Nations in the present bitter struggle."

He makes note of the fact that he had, and embraced, the opportunity to address Master and Wardens Associations of Craft Lodges to the number of 2,600 on the Royal Arch Degrees, but, at his request, strictly without canvassing. Later he makes mention of the cordiality shown to the head of Grand Chapter by Grand Master, Past Grand Master and members of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, at the Annual Communication in July.

He urges every possible effort be made to bring and keep lodge and chapter working in close association. Alberta Masonry please note.

Grand First Principal notes that investments are excellent. The Committee on Finance shows \$96,855.15 as the credit balance; disbursements exceeded receipts by \$1,642.33.

Grand First Principal believes that in cities and towns having concurrent jurisdiction, amendments concerning fees and dues should have consideration and majority approval of all chapters sharing the jurisdiction. "It is not the fee, it is change in the personnel of the leaders that is required." If we grant this, how, in all chapters is this change in leadership to be brought about?

Rulings:

(1) Whether a demitted Master Mason should be permitted to place his application for exaltation in a Royal Arch Chapter. Although the Constitution of Grand Chapter does not require that

Masons remain in good standing in a lodge, would a Mason who would not so remain make a good chapter member? The Grand First Principal ruled that his application be not accepted.

(2) Would it be permissible for a demitted companion, with no arrears against him, to visit a chapter and assist in the work? The decision was that it had been the custom in the Royal Craft to permit a demitted companion in good standing to attend the chapter granting the demit once only in a year, and then only on the permission of the Excellent First Principal.

The 1940 Proceedings of Grand Chapter of Alberta is given two and one half pages of review. The reviewer thinks M. E. Companion Davison must be a Scotsman—(Erin go bragh!) M. E. Companion Bell's address is favorably reviewed. Some prominence is also given to the address of M. E. Companion Fea.

J.W.V.

COLORADO

The Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation was held at Denver on September 19th, 1940.

The Grand Chapter of Alberta was ably represented by R. E. Companion Robert R. Adams, who was Grand Chaplain at this Convocation. Forty-one Grand Chapters were represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Walter G. Sackett, shows the painstaking care and earnestness with which he carried out the onerous duties of his high office, and he particularly stresses the need to be on the alert at all times for subversive elements who would destroy us and our Order as has already been done in other parts of the world. We also note that he does not withhold his punches in this regard.

Very interesting is the report of Masonic Festivals, and this phase of Royal Arch Masonry might well receive our careful consideration.

In his conclusion the Grand High Priest states "We are assembled here in peace and harmony, shells shriek and bombs burst over war torn Europe. May Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, give to our Brother Masons over there the courage to carry on until every enemy of Free Masonry is overcome and a new order of things is established upon the principles of brotherly love, with freedom and justice for all."

No reviews.

51 Chapters. 5,381 Members. Net loss, 119.

Elum M. Russell was elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

H.E.B.

CONNECTICUT

One Hundred and Forty-third Convocation was held at Hartford on May 13th, 1941.

The Convocation was opened in Ample Form by M. E. Companion Eugene H. Ellis, Grand High Priest.

Alberta not represented.

Distinguished visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions were introduced and welcomed with Grand Honors, including the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, M. E. Companion John H. Anderson.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, indicated that the success of their Chapters was in the companions' own hands, and according to the effort, enthusiasm and ability displayed, so would the condition of their Chapters be found to rise or fall.

The recommendation was made, by the Grand High Priest, that the Custodian Committee be dispensed with and that a Grand Lecturer be instituted for the instruction of officers and chapters as required. He also requested the Grand Chapter to pass a resolution requiring each chapter to display the United States Flag at every Convocation. This was heartily approved.

We also note, in lighter vein, the following: "July 7th, attended an outing given by Lockwood Chapter No. 52 of Greenwich. Had a fine time, enjoyed a good dinner and got well poisoned with ivy—which was not so good."

From this wonderfully informative address we gather that the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was indeed fortunate to have at its head such an untiring and zealous Grand High Priest in M. E. Companion Eugene H. Ellis.

No reviews.

46 Chapters. 10,391 Members. Net loss, 432.

M. E. Companion J. Fred Porteous was elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

H.E.B.

 DELAWARE

The Seventy-second Annual Convocation held at Wilmington, on January 17th, 1940.

M. E. Companion Joseph T. Maxwell presided.

R. E. Companion John W. Macklem answered the Roll Call as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. This R. E. Companion is also the Grand Secretary.

The opening remarks in the address of the Grand High Priest are very appropriate at this time and we quote: "As we open this Seventy-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware, we give thanks to Almighty God for His

blessings. We are privileged to live in a land where individual rights are preserved, where we can meet as Masons and express our thoughts, and where we are free to think, to speak and to worship in accord with our own convictions. As we remember the liberties we enjoy and the preservation of them as a vital part of Masonry, may we all use every power we possess to keep this precious liberty for future generations, that the blessings of Masonry may be continued through the years."

The M. E. the Grand High Priest visited all the subordinate chapters and says in his address, "On each of these visits I was accompanied by nearly the entire staff."

In conclusion he says, "The work I have performed during the year has been for the love of the Craft, for my companions and the ennobling principles of Free Masonry." What a grand statement to be able to make.

5 Chapters. 1,178 Members. Net loss, 70.

M. E. Companion Charles R. Cannon was elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

H.E.B.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation was held at Washington, D.C., on February 12th, 1941.

Grand High Priest elected and installed, M. E. Companion John H. Eiseman.

Alberta was not represented.

This grand jurisdiction is peculiarly situated in that it is entirely surrounded by the Grand Jurisdiction of Maryland. People who work in the City of Washington may reside outside the District of Columbia. From this have arisen several fine points in jurisdiction, all of which have been amicably settled.

The Grand High Priest attended 238 meetings during the year, including Grand Lodges, Blue Lodges, Councils, Chapters and Grand Chapters of other Jurisdictions. He comments on the large and enthusiastic attendances at Grand Bodies compared with the meagre attendances at meetings of constituent bodies—so meagre as to be discouraging. Attributes it to lack of interest and poor ritualistic work of some of the officers.

There are sixteen chapters in the jurisdiction. Grand High Priest recommends that these be reduced to eight. A plan for consolidating chapters was drawn up. The committee which was appointed to consider amalgamation, however, reports that it is inadvisable to make any suggestions relative to the status of chapters as affecting their possible merger, . . . and that no action should be taken which would compel a chapter to consider consolidation. They had just gone through the voluntary merger of two chapters and they considered such action to be clearly the preferable one.

Grand High Priest Cave attended four meetings of the Grand Lodge School of Instruction, and twelve sessions of the Grand Chapter School of Instruction. He urged the companions to attend these schools in order to improve themselves in ritualistic work. Thinks slight errors in rendering of the work should not be allowed to go by without correction.

The Grand High Priest says, "There have been few events beyond the ordinary course of affairs, but I feel that this should cause us little regret, as real progress is seldom made by great advances, but rather by steady and less rapid progress."

The twenty-sixth Grand Annual Convocation of Alberta held at Calgary, May 8th, 1940, is reviewed. A synopsis of Grand First Principal Bell's address takes up nearly the whole of the review, which covers approximately one page.

Receipts exceeded expenditure by \$7,158.32. Trustees show \$13,100.00 invested in bonds.

16 Chapters. 4,166 Members. Net loss of 116 since last report.

J.W.V.

FLORIDA

The Ninety-fifth Annual Convocation held at St. Petersburg, May 20th and 21st, 1941.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Dorsey H. Rutter, presided at the Convocation, and many distinguished visitors were welcomed.

Alberta was not represented.

In his address the Grand High Priest mentions the "Annual Guest Night" conducted in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, and urges the Grand Chapter of Florida to adopt a similar program of activity.

To further the interests of the Royal Craft he recommends that each chapter appoint a Membership Committee, whose duty it would be to visit all Symbolic Lodges in its jurisdiction to bring to the attention of Blue Masons the Holy Royal Arch degrees.

In conclusion he states, "Masonry will live. It has survived the criticism of centuries, been refined in the crucible of censure, made lustrous in the flames of persecution, and flourishing in immortal youth, today promises to light up with purple and gold the clouds that shall bank themselves at the sunset of the world."

No reviews.

39 Chapters. 2,850 Members. Net loss, 75.

M. E. Companion Frederick A. Riegel was elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

H.E.B.

GEORGIA

The One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Convocation was held at Macon on Wednesday, April 30th, 1941.

Forty-seven Grand Representatives were present; Alberta represented by Zach Arnold.

A seven page address was given by the Grand High Priest, covering an interesting year of work.

Next Annual Convocation to meet in the City of Macon on Wednesday, April 29th, 1942.

101 Chapters. 6,084 Members. Gain, 116.

J. Warner Neal, Grand High Priest. W. J. Penn Jr., Grand Secretary.

F.J.H.

IDAHO

The Thirty-third Annual Convocation was held at Idaho Falls May 20th and 21st, 1941.

The Convocation was opened in Ample Form by M. E. Companion Cary B. Forbes, Grand High Priest. Many distinguished visitors were introduced and received with Grand Honors including fourteen Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter of Idaho.

The Grand Chapter of Alberta was very ably represented by M. E. Companion Roy V. Locey who was present and answered the roll call. This M. E. Companion was elected to the exalted office of Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

The Grand High Priest's address deals mainly with his activities during his term of office and bespeaks of the untiring efforts and unbounded enthusiasm displayed in the discharge of the duties of his exalted office.

From this address we were much impressed by the following paragraph: "Ours is the task to stand fearlessly in the defense of the very principles of Christian religion. Ours is the task to combat every iota of propaganda advanced to defeat our progress. Ours is the task to defend the basic truths of Masonry. To do this we must have patience, perseverance, courage, loyalty and unbounded faith. The very magnitude of our individual responsibilities challenges our devotion to a righteous cause."

The Grand High Priest quoted the following stanza in return for flowers received during a six weeks' illness:

*And since I have no gold to give
And love alone must make amends,
My only prayer is while I live
God make me worthy of my friends.*

In conclusion he says: "Finally, let us work hand in hand. Let us face the complex problems of the future with the love of God in our

hearts, and with minds guided by justice, proud of the heritage of the past, happy in the comradeship of the hour, confident that our ideals will be perpetuated. To the best of my abilities I have discharged the responsibilities you imposed upon me a year ago. In the analysis of my report you may temper justice with mercy, life is too short and eternity too long to harbour else."

This is a really wonderful address and should be read by all companions.

The 1940 Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta was very ably reviewed, in fact, all the reviews are most interesting and instructive.

23 Chapters. 1,837 Members. Net gain; 4.

H.E.B.

ILLINOIS

The Ninety-second Annual Convocation held at Chicago, October 30th and 31st, 1941.

The Convocation was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest M. E. Companion John Y. Olsen.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests, together with all the Grand Chapter Officers, were present. It is also noted that all Past Grand High Priests at present living, were in attendance.

Other Masonic Bodies were wonderfully represented by a goodly number of distinguished visitors, who were welcomed with Grand Honors.

The Grand High Priest gave a very interesting account of the stewardship of his exalted office which was very gratifying to the Convocation as shown by the following excerpt from the report of the Committee on this address: "Our Grand High Priest has worked for many years in the vineyard of Masonry. He has tended it well. He has guarded closely against the 'little foxes that spoil the vine' the weeds of carelessness and indifference, the tares of discord and dissention. He has brought forth good vintage thereof and unto him has been rendered the fruits in their season, for he has been an excellent husbandman."

Some very fine addresses were given by Distinguished Visitors and the companions privileged to hear them had a wonderful vista of thoughts left with them.

Alberta was ably represented by E. Companion Dave Baxter.

Among the reviews, Alberta was well presented.

220 Chapters. 33,448 Members. Decrease, 1,790.

M. E. Companion Fred I. Mills was elected and installed Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

H.E.B.

INDIANA

The Ninety-sixth Convocation was held at Evansville on October 22nd and 23rd, 1941, with Grand High Priest Frank C. ZaiECK presiding and all the Grand Officers in their stations.

Our Grand Representative Bert O. Pruitt was present and during the day was elected Grand Captain of the Host. Twenty Past Grand High Priests and many distinguished visitors attended.

The address of M. E. Companion ZaiECK was, as he says, "mostly a statement of facts and events" and "demands upon his time made it impossible for him to visit many chapters at home or abroad."

However, the full-time Grand Lecturer, R. E. Companion H. A. Graham, who is paid a fair salary, looks after the welfare of the chapters and sees that the officers can confer the degrees. According to his report, Capitular Masonry is "decidedly on the up-grade". However, he warns that enough effort is not being made to avoid suspensions.

Chapter dues range from \$1.00 and \$3.00 and the minimum initiation fee is \$10.00, but in most chapters it is \$20.00.

The Christmas message from the Grand Chaplain to all chapters contains these lines: "In these days, when the material, mental and moral world is in a state of flux, when the standards of correct living Christ taught and exemplified are ridiculed and denied, it behooves all who believe in Him and His teachings and example to present a United Front to all who would destroy these standards."

Grand Chapter pays \$6.00 per diem and 10c a mile for mileage to each delegate to Grand Chapter.

115 Chapters. 20,161 Members. Net loss, 365.

E.G.I.

IOWA

The Eighty-sixth Annual Convocation was held at Cedar Rapids, on Thursday, October 15th, 1940.

Our Grand Representative R. E. Companion Walter E. Gillette was present and answered the roll call.

The Grand Chapter was opened by the Custodians and Deputy Custodians, after which the Grand Officers were escorted to the altar by the Grand Marshall, given Grand Honors, escorted to the East and presented with their jewels of office, after which ceremony they assumed their respective stations, every elected and appointed Grand Officer being present.

All but three of the living Past Grand High Priests of their jurisdiction were present.

Many distinguished officers from other Masonic organizations were welcomed, including the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, M. E. Companion

John H. Anderson, and Most Worshipful Brother H. L. Searle, Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Iowa.

We excerpt from the address of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Harry B. Sherman: "In the evening it was the pleasure of all who attended to enjoy the conferring of the 'Holy Royal Arch Degree' by the Canadian companions which was a pleasure to be had only once in a lifetime, and I desire at this time, and through these columns, to publicly express my unbounded gratitude to all those fine companions who sacrificed time and money so that we might witness this unusual degree."

Also: "Following the lead of our Grand Lodge and deeming it for the best interests of Capitular Masonry in Iowa, I refused Davenport Chapter, No. 16, the right to confer any degrees on Sunday."

A Proclamation was issued by the Grand High Priest extending the term of office of all Worthy Companions who are serving in their respective offices as Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, on the 1st January, 1940, to 1st January, 1943.

From the report of the Board of Custodians we quote: "Masonry and Democracy compliment one another, begetting and sustaining each other in principle and in fact."

The Committee on Jurisprudence disapproved of the action of the Grand High Priest in allowing a chapter to temporarily reduce its fees.

Alberta very ably reviewed by M. E. Companion E. W. F. Holler, P.G.H.P.

101 Chapters reporting. 11,101 Members. Net loss, 300.

H.E.B.

KANSAS

The Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation held at Wichita on February 10th, 1941.

M. E. Companion Lynn R. Brodrick, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest had a full year, what with politics, business, and Masonic activities, but ended with the sympathetic understanding of his family and the charitable sufferance of his pastor.

During the year a new ritual was printed and distributed to the subordinate chapters. This is known as the "one-book" ritual and 1,330 copies were distributed while 489 copies are on hand for future use. The total cost was \$678.30, and the rituals were distributed to the subordinate chapters free of cost.

"Grand as our ancient Order is, however noble though its purposes and aims, we should not ignore the historic fact that Masonry can flourish only where men are free. Nor should we overlook the alarming truth that its vital roots today are nourished only in the rich soil of the Western Hemisphere."

"The Talmud informs us that Mordecai knew seventy languages. Yet I doubt if that celebrated linguist ever read a more fruitful and

impressive story than that in which the King James translators record the gems of thought and jewels of character which constitute the cardinal precepts of our brotherhood. As we see these noble thoughts like good seed sown in fertile soil, take lodgement in the hearts of men and lead them into better ways, as we see Capitular Masonry working its wonders in the world, we are confirmed in the thought that we have not come this way in vain."

Alberta's Representative was present.

95 Chapters. 9,912 Members. Net loss, 303.

J.V.F.

KENTUCKY

The One Hundred and Twenty-third Annual Convocation held at Louisville on October 15th and 16th, 1940.

Owen R. Meadows, Grand High Priest.

A full quota of Grand Chapter officers was present.

Twenty-eight page address, full of confidence of the success of the Grand Chapter and giving a good cross-section of what Capitular Masonry means in Kentucky.

Inspector's report was covered by a summary. Only 11 chapters failed to be inspected and the Inspectors have made diligent and urgent efforts to inspect all chapters, for which they have been highly commended.

Grand Officers elected for 1940-41: W. L. Dawson, La Grange, Grand High Priest; Ray G. Tipton, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

106 Chapters. 7,374 Members. Net loss, 139.

F.J.H.

LOUISIANA

The Ninety-fourth Annual Convocation held at New Orleans on February 5th, 1941.

M. E. Companion Christian P. Eilerson, Grand High Priest, presided. Forty-one Chapters answered the roll call.

In referring to the state of the order, the Grand High Priest found Capitular Masonry "in a splendid condition, peace and harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction."

Commission was issued to R. E. Companion Frederick Bentley, Calgary, as Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Visitations were quite extensive and the Grand High Priest everywhere had courteous receptions.

The Grand Treasurer's report showed cash balance of \$2,744 and funds invested of \$7,500.

Monthly Bulletins are distributed among the members and the Grand Chapter is adopting a "membership card system" replete with Masonic information of value to constituent chapters.

121 members were exalted during the year, the total membership being 3,790—a net loss of 115, as against 711 in 1931.

Alberta represented by Companion Leon S. Haas, P.G.P.P.

To the Louisiana Correspondent it was a "pleasure to see Alberta go topical".

J.W.G.M.

MAINE

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Convocation held at Portland, Me., on May 6th and 7th, 1941.

Most Excellent John Huske Anderson, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, was present and received with Grand Honors.

Alberta was represented by George T. Williams.

The Grand High Priest refused a certain chapter to expend an amount not exceeding \$150.00 to furnish a room in a local hospital on the ground that it could not be viewed strictly as Masonic charity.

The Committee on the Doings of Grand Officers are of the opinion that lack of candidates is no excuse for not exemplifying the work when an inspecting officer is present.

The Grand Scribe E. reports that on his official visit to one chapter he found that the officers showed little knowledge of the ritual and frequent reference to it during the ceremony produced an impression far from favorable on the candidates.

Of the attendance at a certain chapter the Grand King considers that an average attendance of 20 is a record this chapter should be proud of. The membership is given as 178. This would give an average attendance of 11 per cent. Surely not a very good record.

The Committee on Jurisprudence are of the opinion that approval by the Grand High Priest of a change in the bylaws of one chapter whereby the Treasurer, Secretary and Sentinel would be exempted from payment of dues, was not according to usage, as these officers now receive stipulated sums from the funds of the chapter. It also brands as contrary to the laws the provision "that no member who shall neglect to pay his assessment shall be eligible to office or allowed to ballot or vote upon any question except the admission of candidates unless such shall first be paid or remitted". Every member carried on the rolls is in good standing, whether his dues be paid or not, is entitled to all the rights, benefits and privileges of membership.

Surplus of receipts over disbursements was \$5,800.31. Investments, \$45,908.64.

Among the deaths recorded was that of Norris Samuel Lord, who passed suddenly while attending a St. John's Day celebration at Bath, on June 24th.

The review of the Proceedings of the 1940 Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta occupies rather less than a page. The reviewer records his disappointment at the absence of Maine's Grand Representative. He comments favorably on Grand First Principal Bell's address, giving six lines of direct quotation from it. He notes that all of the dispensations granted met with the approval of the Jurisprudence Committee, but says that one, to change the date of the regular convocation of chapters, would not have passed in Maine, while several to dodge regular procedure appeared to be requested merely for convenience.

But should bylaws be so rigidly enforced that convenience of chapters can never be given consideration? If so, Masonry is not a Democracy but an Autocracy.

Grand High Priest-elect Charles E. Tuttle.

One Hundred and Seventeenth Grand Annual to be held at Portland, Me., May 5th, 1942.

68 Chapters. 10,114 Members. Net decrease, 434.

J.W.V.

MANITOBA

The Eighteenth Annual Convocation held at Winnipeg on February 12th, 1941.

John J. Sinclair, Grand First Principal, presided.

Among the distinguished visitors was M. E. Companion Scott, Grand First Principal of Alberta.

Like Alberta, our neighbour Manitoba has similar difficulties. This Grand Chapter lived within its income and had a small credit balance; the decrease in membership was only nine, but in the mind of the Grand First Principal the latter was more serious than an unbalanced budget. He stressed the need of young Master Masons being introduced into the Royal Craft, and stated that Chapter Officers might inculcate light among Craft Masons and thus increase membership.

One of the outstanding events in the year was the installation of District Superintendent R. E. Companion W. J. Pollock by his father, R. E. Companion W. G. Pollock, a Past Grand Superintendent of the same district. This is unique in our annals.

One Masonic District attended Divine Service when 250 Royal Arch Masons were present. This seems a very capital idea and might well be copied by other districts. The matter of church attendance is receiving more than the usual amount of thought in these troublesome times, and we believe much greater benefit is to be had by the individual, the community and the nation, from attending Divine Service than by playing golf and other forms of Sunday amusement.

The Chapter at Flin-Flon being so far removed from the other chapters in the district, was put directly under the care of the Grand First Principal.

A recommendation that a select committee of three be appointed in each district to contact demitted and suspended members to ascertain why they ceased to be active members of the Order seems a first-class idea.

Grand First Principal-elect, M. E. Companion John Gardner.

16 Chapters. 1,307 Members. Net decrease, 9.

J.V.F.

MARYLAND, 1940

One Hundred and Forty-third Annual Convocation held at Baltimore on December 10th, 1940.

Among the distinguished visitors was M. E. Companion Llewellyn F. Stephens, Grand First Principal of Canada in Outario.

The Grand High Priest, at the beginning of his term of office, advised all constituent chapters that either the M.M. or M.E.M. degree was to be exemplified in full form by the officers of the chapter on the occasion of the visitation of the Grand Officers. All but one chapter complied with the request. In one chapter, however, the work was so poorly done that the officers were not allowed to confer the R.A. degree until they had first exemplified the degree before the Grand Lecturer or the Committee on Work. This salutary lesson ought to produce satisfactory results, and might well be followed by other Grand Jurisdictions.

The Committee on Capitular Education was recommended to be abolished after analyzing its activities during the past four years. In Alberta we recommended the appointment of such committees in each district as we thought it might advance the interest in Capitular Masonry.

Financial difficulties gave rise to several recommendations:

(1) That the percapita tax be restored to 75 cents per member, of failing that, (2) the elimination of printing the Review of Proceedings; (3) that copies of printed Proceedings be delivered personally, rather than by mail, thereby saving \$65.00 to \$75.00 postage.

In one chapter the Jurisprudence Committee allowed a clause to be added to the Life Membership bylaw providing that all life members pay \$1.00 annually to take care of their per capita tax. This seems to be a very wise decision and could also be copied.

Alberta Representative was not present.

Richard W. Worthington, Grand High Priest.

26 Chapters. 5,872 Members. Net loss, 254.

J.V.F.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1940

One Hundred and Forty-second Annual Convocation held at Boston on December 10th, 1940.

M. E. Companion George W. Long, Grand High Priest.

Among the distinguished visitors was M. E. Companion W. W. Williamson, Grand Scribe E. of Grand Chapter of Quebec.

The Grand High Priest was not idle as he visited not only many of his constituent chapters, but also many other Grand Chapters, Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments, etc. How he found time to do so much almost appears to be a mystery for a good detective to unravel.

However, at the end of a busy year he has this to say to the R. A. Companions: "We cannot stand still. We must go up or go down. It is harder to climb up, but the sun shines brighter, the air is purer, the view is clearer at the top . . . Attendance is the result of interest. You can get attendance only by providing meetings that are interesting to your members. We are faced with a lot of competition our fathers did not have, but, I tell you, *it can be done*. . . . We must exhibit the Christian virtues if we hope to increase our Fraternity in size and influence, and in a practical way demonstrate the virtues of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, which are the foundation tenets of Masonry."

King Cyrus Royal Arch Chapter of Newburyport celebrated its 150th Anniversary on June 28th, 1940. It was pointed out that the founders of this Chapter were "men of courage, men of integrity, devoted men, able men; they were optimists and men of Faith". Of course they were, and what a challenge to us of 1942 to be similar men, with similar attributes, so that 150 years hence historians looking over our actions will be able to say the same of us.

Reviewing the minutes of this chapter, it seems that arrears of dues were collected by the Secretary by personal calls on the delinquents. This was in 1790. What is our method in 1940?

M. E. Companion George W. Long, Grand High Priest.

97 Chapters. 23,578 Members. Net loss, 1,100.

J.V.F.

MICHIGAN

The Ninety-third Annual Convocation held at Port Huron on May 21st and 22nd, 1941.

Howard H. Bauer, Grand High Priest.

Forty-six Grand Representatives were present. Alberta represented by Walter E. Zimmer.

A 35-page address, full of his year's work, appeared to be interesting as well as instructive to Capitular Masonry.

Irving Henry Larken, Grand High Priest-elect. Clyde Newman Wilson, Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation to be held in the City of Flint, on May 20th and 21st, 1942.

154 Chapters. 22,375 Members. Loss 753.

F.J.H.

MINNESOTA

The Eightieth Annual Convocation held at Saint Paul on October 14th, 1941.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form by R. E. Companion Axel Dahl, Grand King, as acting Grand High Priest.

Many distinguished visitors were presented and given a cordial welcome by the Acting Grand High Priest.

This Grand Chapter suffered a severe loss in the passing of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Fred W. Senn, and in his address the Acting Grand High Priest pays this tribute:

*He was a man whose heart was good
Who talked with men that understood.
His was a voice that spoke to cheer
And fell like music on the ear;
His was a smile that folks loved to see,
His was a hand that asked no fee
For friendliness or kindness done
And now that he has journeyed on
His is a name that never ends—
He leaves behind uncounted friends.*

The report of the Grand Lecturer should be read by all Companions—it is very stimulating and to the point.

Alberta was represented by E. Companion Angus D. McCormick.

No reviews.

80 Chapters. 10,448 Members. Decrease, 227.

M. E. Companion Axel Dahl installed as Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

H.E.B.

MISSISSIPPI

The Ninety-third Convocation was held at Meridian on February 12th and 13th, 1941, with Grand High Priest James W. Williams presiding and all Grand Officers present.

The Address of M. E. Companion Williams was very short, as his "duties would not permit him to visit but a very limited number of chapters". He states that there appears to be a revival of interest in Masonry, but some chapters are delinquent in their dues to Grand Chapter and almost dormant and some action in regard to them is necessary.

Grand Lecturer T. O. Gore, Jr., a salaried officer, did some good work and the gain in membership is attributed largely to his untiring efforts.

One of their laws reads: "Should any member allow his dues to remain unpaid on the day of Election of Officers, he shall not have the right to vote or hold office."

Fraternal Correspondent C. H. McCraine, Jr., submits no Review, but says: "The support given the government by English Masons is ample refutation of the charges by dictators that Masonry is subversive and a menace to government."

Huntsville Chapter, located at Weir, was granted permission to hold its meetings for 1941 at Ackerman.

The Deputy Grand High Priest is appointed by the incoming Grand High Priest.

50 Chapters. 3,012 Members. Net gain, 7.

E.G.I.

MISSOURI

The Ninety-fifth Annual Convocation was held in Kansas City, on April 22nd and 23rd, 1941. M. E. Companion Don Chapman Grand High Priest, presided.

C. L. Fichthorn, Grand Representative for Alberta.

In a very fine address the Grand High Priest expresses his faith in the ultimate triumph of good in spite of sinister forces at work in the world. The United States and the British Empire principally must inspire this triumph, and Masonry must contribute by promoting universal brotherhood, and by shedding its beneficent influence among men. Then the iron heels of dictators or oppression can not prevail to crush our noble Fraternity. In the words of the poet Tennyson he expresses the belief "That somehow good shall be the final goal of ill" and "Every winter changes to spring".

General Grand High Priest M. E. Companion John H. Anderson, in his remarks said that we hear a great deal in this day about conditions in the world and the necessity of Masonic unity, but to him the greatest tragedy of this war is the loss of spirituality. Material things can be re-established, but the spiritual side is the only one worth while.

The Committee on Education published four pamphlets prepared by the Grand Secretary, "A Message for the Ancient Craft Mason", "Why I am a Royal Arch Mason", "Merewither Lewis", and the "Capitular World". These were distributed among various chapters without cost to them. The Committee spent only a small part of the appropriation on Education.

Missouri devoted twelve lines to Alberta, distributed over headings "Condition of the Rite", "Miscellaneous", and "Statistical".

One chapter reduced its fee for exaltation to \$20.00 In approving, Grand High Priest said that the general experience throughout the jurisdictions was that reducing the fees did not tend to any large increase in membership.

Grand High Priest reports financial condition of Grand Chapter to be sound and ably handled, yet the revenue is decreasing, because of decrease in membership and lower interest rates. The budget as

submitted by the Finance Committee anticipated a deficit of disbursements over receipts of approximately \$5,000.00. One thousand dollars was voted towards an ambulance for the Chinese Government.

The next Convocation will be held at Columbia on April 28th, 1942.

100 Chapters. 13,614 Members. Net loss, 602.

J.W.V.

MONTANA

The Fifty-second Annual Convocation was held at Helena, on June 17th, 1941, with Deputy and Acting Grand High Priest H. Clay Stith presiding, as Grand High Priest Emil E. Blumenthal (one devoted to duty and endeared to his companions) was confined to his bed by a long and serious illness. However, his Grand Officers and Past Grand High Priests had carried on nobly.

The Governor of Montana, Companion Ford, welcomed the companions to Helena, the state's capital, and our esteemed friend, R. E. Companion Frank Van Demark, of Cutbank, responded to this welcome.

General Grand Royal Arch Captain, Edward W. Spottswood, of Montana, was saluted with Grand Honors.

Grand Chapter approved the request of Tyrean Chapter at Cutbank to confer the R. A. Degree on three candidates at a meeting of Chapter Masons at Calgary. Companion D. Craig reported on the pilgrimage of over one hundred companions and "paid the Canadians high compliments for their generous hospitality." The Acting Grand High Priest reports on the visits of Cutbank and Calgary and "hopes they have become a permanent custom". Tyrean Chapter is flourishing and degrees are conferred most impressively.

The plan of district visitations is being continued as these visits have been found very effective.

A firmer check is to be kept on rituals, and a fine of \$10.00 is to be paid if one is lost.

A chapter is now permitted to confer a degree in another town in its jurisdiction, in a suitable lodge room.

Life Membership may be granted to companions having 35 years of continuous membership and being sixty years of age.

As this was the Fiftieth Anniversary of Grand Chapter (two years two Convocations were held) M. E. Companion Callaway made a Special Address.

M. E. Companion McAllister writes a splendid Review, and oh! for more space than we are allowed, to quote from it. He says: "Optimism marks the activities of many jurisdictions, increased interest is shown, and there are gains in membership. We entertain no fears that Capitular Masonry is nigh unto death."

Of Alberta he comments on the good average attendance of the Chapters.

In many Grand Chapters little seems to have been accomplished along educational programs.

33 Chapters. 2,789 Members. Net loss, 31.

E.G.I.

NEBRASKA

The Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation was held at Omaha on December 3rd, 1941.

The Grand Chapter was opened by a group of Past Grand High Priests. M. E. Companion Elmer E. Magee, Grand High Priest was received with due honours after which he requested the other Grand Officers to assume their stations and places.

We note from the address of the Grand High Priest that a very busy term must have been his lot and that a tremendous amount of work for the good of Royal Arch Masonry had been accomplished.

As this Convocation was the Diamond Jubilee celebration of the founding of this Grand Chapter, a resume of its history was very ably presented by M. E. Companion Thomas J. Aron, P.G.H.P., and from this very informative address we quote: "Let us not forget that this Grand Chapter has in M. E. Companion Francis E. White the oldest living Past Grand High Priest of any Grand Chapter in the United States." This M. E. Companion has been a continuous member of Nebraska Chapter No. 3 R.A.M. for more than seventy years.

Another very interesting feature was the presentation of a pageant depicting the early days of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. This was prepared by M. E. Companion Elmer E. Magee, P.G.H.P., and was very ably presented in four scenes by four different chapters of the jurisdiction.

Alberta was not represented.

53 Chapters. 4,676 Members. Decrease, 48.

M. E. Companion George H. Holdeman was elected and installed as Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

H.E.B.

NEW BRUNSWICK

The Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation was held at Edmundston on June 26th, 1941.

The First Grand Principal M. E. Companion Thomas G. Ballantyne opened the Convocation at 3 p.m.

From the address of the First Grand Principal we quote: "We are passing through a period of the world's history marked by deeds of violence, hate and lawlessness, and the powers of evil seem to be gaining the ascendancy for a season. But the more we understand their doctrines of force and unyielding tyranny, the more convinced we are that such a regime cannot long survive, and the wise purposes of the Divine Architect will be the means of destroying this monster and the chaos which has been created will be replaced by calm and understanding between men and nations.

Regarding Grand Representatives, he says: "It is my wish that each Representative will try to report in person at the Annual

Convocation, but if unable to be present to forward a brief report of their exchange of greetings to the Grand Scribe E. before Chapter meets." There is food for thought here.

Alberta not represented.

No reviews.

11 Chapters. 1,058 Members. Decrease, 54.

M. E. Companion Thomas G. Ballantyne re-elected First Grand Principal for the ensuing year.

H.E.B.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Convocation held in the City of Concord on Tuesday, May 20th, 1941.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form by M. E. The Grand High Priest Harry B. Tasker.

Very distinguished visitors were welcomed, given Grand Honours, and conducted to seats in the East.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we note that a letter was sent to all Past Grand High Priests asking for their continued efforts to further the interests of Royal Arch Masonry and this apparently produced good results. We also read that the 125th Anniversary of the founding of Washington Chapter No. 3 Portsmouth was attended by the Grand High Priest, and a very interesting item was the fact that Excellent Companion Charles B. Spofford of West Lebanon had completed 50 years as Grand Representative of Louisiana, his commission being dated January 29th, 1891. This is surely a wonderful record of service to the Royal Craft.

The Grand High Priest was personally received in all the constituent Chapters in New Hampshire, and states that Capitular Masonry is very much alive and shows increasing activity.

This address closes with the following: "In a world haunted with distrust, motivated by greed, and without regard for a pledged word; in a world that is willing to trample the weak under iron heels that the strong may profit; in such a world we need more Justice, Brotherhood and Goodwill. We need greater sympathy for all mankind. We need more of the spirit of self sacrifice."

A very wonderful address was also given by M. E. Companion Ralph Lowe Jr., Past Grand High Priest, and this should be read by all Royal Arch Masons who are able to do so. It is printed as an appendix to their Proceedings.

Alberta not represented.

26 Chapters. 3,301 Members. Decrease, 108.

M. E. Companion Charles F. Waterman installed Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

H.E.B.

NEW JERSEY

The Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation was held at Trenton on May 14th, 1941.

M. E. Companion Jesse A. Biggs, Grand High Priest, opened the Convocation in Ample Form, prayer being offered by the Grand Chaplain R. E. Companion Joseph E. Walsh.

Distinguished visitors from many other Grand Jurisdictions and Masonic Organizations were presented and heartily welcomed.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we find that all routine matters and visitations were exceptionally well attended to, along with a tremendous amount of work accomplished and we cannot pass up the following without quoting: "In entering upon the business before us let us bear in mind that we are legislating not only for the present hour but that our acts here will have a good influence upon Royal Arch Masonry in the future. Our minds therefore should be impressed with the responsibility of our positions."

The Grand High Priest was presented with a beautiful desk from his own Chapter, Richmond No. 22, by Past High Priest Samuel Berry, a man 92 years of age, who has been a Mason for 69 years, a Chapter member for 67 years and a Past High Priest for 60 years.

The Grand High Priest also recommended that they withdraw from membership in the General Grand Chapter of the U.S.A., but this was not approved.

The reviews are especially interesting, and Alberta is very ably handled.

55 Chapters. 9,174 Members. Decrease, 532.

M. E. Companion John S. Caie elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

H.E.B.

NEW MEXICO

Forty-fourth Annual Convocation held at Las Cruces, May 12th, 1941, M. E. Companion Frank C. Rolland, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Grand High Priest had the rather unique experience of attending an open air convocation at Winslow, Arizona, which was held on top of a mountain, in an old Indian ruin, when 12 candidates were exalted.

All chapters, he stated, were in fairly good financial condition.

He said: "The corner-stone of our Order is Religious Toleration; the foundation of our national life is religious toleration; our hope for the future is predicated on toleration."

Alberta not represented.

The Grand Chapter has over \$26,000 in a Masonic Home Fund. Membership, 1,268. Net gain, 5. Exaltations, 46.

J.W.G.M.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1939

M. E. Companion H. B. Mathews, Grand First Principal, presided.

Alberta was represented by E. Companion C. E. Abbott.

At the Quarterly Convocation, held in April, 1939, a motion was carried that it was "in the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry to have one governing body for the degree in the State and that if 60 per centum of the Royal Arch Chapters signed the articles of Union of the proposed United Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New South Wales before December 31st, 1939, then the Supreme Grand Chapter would recommend its subordinate Chapters to transfer their allegiance to such United Supreme Grand Chapter."

It would appear that this Supreme Grand Chapter was unreservedly recognised by every Grand Chapter in the world except that of Scotland, which still recognises it as only a Grand Chapter. It is hoped by now this controversy has ended.

In the five years that M. E. Companion Mathews has been Grand First Principal he has travelled on Masonic duty at least 35,000 miles. The visiting of some chapters involves travelling 1,000 miles.

A rather unique feature was the gramophone recordings of greetings from several Grand Chapters, including those of British Columbia and Saskatchewan, playing on a specially amplified instrument. In addition, a record of the Canadian National Anthem "O Canada", especially made for the occasion by Mrs. B. Gillie, daughter of M. E. Companion W. P. Marchant, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, was played. The recordings were highly appreciated.

Alberta reviewed.

J.W.G.M.

NEW YORK

The One Hundred and Forty-fourth Annual Convocation held in Albany, N.Y., February, 1941.

M. E. Companion Charles J. Wells, Grand High Priest, presided.

Alberta not represented.

At the opening ceremony the entire assemblage joined in singing the first stanza of "America" followed by "God Save the King", in recognition of "the purpose and cause in which our neighbors of the North are engaged."

Attendance 534, representing 207 chapters out of 221.

The Grand High Priest noted "an increasing revival of interest and enthusiasm in Capitular Masonry throughout the State. . . . It is not enough for Royal Arch Masonry to be good. It must be good for something."

This Grand Jurisdiction issues Certificates of Merit to recognise a companion who has rendered real service to Masonry, the community or country, or performed an outstanding act of heroism. Sev-

eral companions received a "Certificate of Merit" during the year for distinguished services rendered Masonry.

The Grand High Priest, accompanied by several Grand Officers, paid a courtesy visit to the Grand Chapter of Canada where "our hearts go out to these good companions, with the hope that victory will speedily adorn the banners of Masonry and Democracy."

The Grand High Priest stressed the need of a medium for the dissemination of information concerning Royal Arch Masonry as well as literary contributions of the Craft among the individual chapter Masons. It would form a point of contact between some companions and Capitular Masonry. And he concludes: "Masonry stands for certain definite worthwhile principles which have made its past great and will make its future greater still, if we but practice and emphasize them. When we have sold ourselves on Masonry we will have no difficulty convincing others."

Membership 36,374. Total increase, 586.

Alberta reviewed.

J.W.G.M.

NEW ZEALAND

The Forty-ninth Annual Convocation held at Blenheim, February 22nd, 1941.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form and the Convocation was presided over by the Deputy First Grand Principal, R. E. Companion L. M. Jolly.

This Grand Chapter has sustained a great loss in the passing away of its First Grand Principal, M. E. Companion David Duncan, on the 2nd July, 1940.

This was a blow that was very keenly felt by all the companions, especially the Deputy First Grand Principal, who said: "We are taught that death is but a gate through which we pass to true rest and refreshment, and although their day's work is finished, they have gone to receive their wages, having wrought well in the quarries of life they have followed the Ark of the Covenant and have placed a Copestone high in the Temple not made with hands, Eternal in the Heavens."

At the roll call of Grand Representatives, R. E. Companion R. W. Stiles, Past Depute Grand Z., responded for Alberta.

From the address of the newly installed First Grand Principal we excerpt: "I feel it is a duty to remind you that the future of Freemasonry, in all its branches in this Dominion and those other countries where freedom of expression is still permitted, and also in those other parts of the world where Masonry is now under repression, depends on the outcome of the struggle, and as Free Masons we are

under an obligation to do whatever we each are able, to do, to preserve our liberty, our privileges and our institutions."

In conclusion he quotes:

*"To thine own self be true
And it must follow,
As the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man."*

No reviews.

76 Chapters. 4,093 Members. Net gain, 105.

The elected First Grand Principal for 1941 was M. E. Companion C. A. Eckford.

H.E.B.

NORTH CAROLINA

The One Hundred and Nineteenth Convocation was held at New Bern, on May 13th, 1941, with Grand High Priest Charles M. Gueth presiding and all Grand Officers in their stations.

Our Grand Representative, J. Edward Allen, was present. He is one of the best Reviewers and at this Convocation was elected as Grand Scribe.

M. E. Companion Gueth had an active year, although he was ill for some time; severely injured—almost killed—in an auto accident. He was present at most of the District Meetings which, he reports, were well attended and at which a great deal of enthusiasm was shown. He found increased activity in all branches of Masonry, and decreased losses in membership, but observes that in the last thirteen years the Grand Chapter had lost 5,280 companions.

The Oxford Orphanage and Masonic and Eastern Star Home are still inspiring Masonic institutions.

The Masonic Educational Loan Fund Committee reports that at present this fund does not work satisfactorily, and too much of the money is idle and could be used to advantage in other Masonic directions. Some, to whom loans were made, did not prove worthy and the amounts are uncollectable.

The annual returns of each chapter must include an audit of its finances.

R. E. Companion J. Edward Allen was sick for two months, also the result of an auto accident, and does not give a Review of each Grand Chapter, but presents some valuable statistical tables. He gives some comments on war-time conditions. We quote: "Only two things are uppermost in the minds of our people: (1) to get through with this present mess and to get it done thoroughly; (2) to plan for

what is to come after it—which may be a bigger mess, come victory or come something else.”

Again: “Although most Chapter Masons are past the usual military-service age, he does not complain about high taxes, for he would rather give the half of his possessions to help his government to victory, than give them all and himself to boot, to Hitler.”

39 Chapters. 3,004 Members. Net loss, 110.

E.G.I.

NORTH DAKOTA

The Fifty-second Annual Convocation held at Fargo, N.D., on January 21st and 22nd, 1941.

William H. Huber, Grand High Priest, presided.

An eleven page address given by the Grand High Priest was full of confidence for the future.

23 of the 25 chapters were represented; 14 Grand Chapter Officers, 5 District Deputy Grand High Priests, 9 Past Grand High Priests, 27 Representatives of Sister Chapters, and 10 Past High Priests were present.

District Deputies report improvement and were thanked for their unselfish service to Royal Arch Masonry.

25 Chapters. 1,942 Members. Loss, 89.

Grand Officers elected for 1941: Vine D. Lord, Cando, Grand High Priest; W. L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

F.J.H.

NOVA SCOTIA

The Seventy-second Annual Convocation was held at Halifax on June 10th, 1941, with Grand High Priest T. Gordon Ives presiding, it being his second year in that high office—the usual custom in that Province.

This jurisdiction includes the three chapters of Prince Edward Island and the one at St. John's, Newfoundland.

Royal Union Chapter at Halifax has been in existence for 161 years.

In his address, when speaking of the chaotic state on this earth, M. E. Companion Ives says: “The freedom which we enjoy is the most deeply rooted craving of human nature. Happiness is freedom and freedom brings courage.”

Eight Grand Superintendents keep in close touch with the chapters assigned to them and make a report to Grand Chapter. After serving two years, they are given the rank of R. E.

In 1939, M. E. Companion Ives had visited all chapters except Shannon Chapter in Newfoundland, so in 1940 he made that one his first visit. It took more than one week's time, but he had a grand trip and found Masonry in a very active condition.

Three Grand High Priests presented a Travelling Triangle, an emblem of Peace, Love and Unity, to Royal Union Chapter. It is the duty of each chapter to convey this Triangle, with a goodly number of companions, to some sister chapter, until it has made the circuit of the jurisdiction.

All but two chapters show marked improvement in attendance and interest.

A Rededication Service was held in each chapter on April 6th, when a special program was presented and to which Master Masons were invited. In many cases it was a decided success.

The minimum exaltation fee is \$20.00.

21 Chapters. 1,415 Members. Net loss, 63.

E.G.I.

OHIO

The One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation held at Columbus, on October 1st and 2nd, 1941.

The Convocation was opened in Ample Form by M. E. Companion Chester J. Pearce, Grand High Priest.

The address of the Grand High Priest covers much ground and is indicative of much thought and work on behalf of Royal Arch Masonry. He mentions a unique presentation made to him by New Carlisle Chapter, No. 11, of a gavel made of Acacia wood from the vicinity of Jerusalem. In the head of the gavel were placed stones obtained at the base of the pillars from the ruins of King Solomon's Temple. It was hand made by an Arab and a crystal of rock salt from the Dead Sea was placed in the head of the gavel along with the stones.

We note that the Grand High Priest made 109 visitations, which must have given him a very busy year.

A really worthwhile address was delivered at the banquet by Companion William L. Stettens, relating to the discovery of the Royal Arch.

Alberta's Grand Representative was present.

There are some very interesting reviews including Alberta.

202 Chapters. 45,113 Members. Decrease, 555.

M. E. Companion Burr A. Sanford elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

H.E.B.

OKLAHOMA

The Fifty-second Annual Convocation held at Enid, Oklahoma in 1941.

M. E. Companion Charles N. Cutler, Grand High Priest, presided.

The Chapter has \$37,796.00 invested in its Educational Fund and \$23,830.00 in the general fund.

A pleasing feature of this Convocation was a resolution requesting M. E. Companion William Noble, who is one of the two living companions present at the organisation of the Grand Chapter and who has been the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada near that Grand Jurisdiction for more than forty years, to attend at the next Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada as the official representative of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma. We question if this record can be equalled in any Grand Jurisdiction and we feel certain M. E. Companion Noble will be accorded a most generous welcome by the Grand Chapter of Canada.

133 Companions were exalted during the year; 127 re-instated; 68 demissions; 102 deaths and 523 suspensions—making a net loss of 371.

Alberta represented by Companion Edward P. Gallup, Oklahoma City.

M. E. Companion Clarence Braine elected Grand High Priest.

5,100 Members. Net loss, 371.

J.W.G.M.

OREGON

The Eighty-first Annual Convocation held at Portland, April 16th, 1941.

The Grand High Priest had a busy year visiting his own and other Masonic gatherings. He visited the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and he has this to say: "I found our Canadian companions to be exceedingly high type gentlemen, and they take their Masonry seriously."

Among special dispensations granted were several to receive and ballot upon petitions at the same convocation. This action was found by the Jurisprudence Committee to be in accordance with Capitular Law. This is not the Capitular Law of Alberta.

"Capitular Masonry in Oregon is in a healthy condition and no cause for immediate alarm."

The Grand Orator's Address on "The Man with a Mark", is a masterpiece and might be read by every Royal Arch Mason with great profit. Note this paragraph: "Just take a balance sheet for yourself, with all your assets on one side and all your liabilities on the other, including the contingent liabilities, and let us see what you

have left that remain as certainties upon which you can depend. You cannot depend upon property. You cannot depend upon wealth. You cannot depend upon pure intellect. You cannot be certain of continuing health, or even life itself. But you do have courage—you have faith—you have kindness—you have a love for your fellow-men—you have hope—and you have all the abilities with which God has blessed you. You have the belief that God still rules the universe. On the balance sheet these make up your surplus. They are all that you can fix as certainties and you have the opportunity to use them as working capital." Think it over, companions!

The Reviewer of Capitular Proceedings of other Jurisdictions says: "The total number of pages in the fifty Proceedings was 7,806, and the costs as near as I was able to compute it, was practically \$24,000. A great, great amount of this could be left out of the various Proceedings without any loss; in fact, would make the reading of them far more instructive." We heartily concur.

47 Chapters. 4,925 Members. Net decrease, 120.

J.V.F.

PENNSYLVANIA

The One Hundred and Forty-fifth Annual Convocation, held in four quarterly communications on March 7th, June 6th, September 5th, and December 5th, 1940, at the last of which the annual reports were presented. It was held at Philadelphia.

Grand High Priest M. E. Companion Walter M. Carwithen for two-year term.

Alberta's representative Wesley R. Roe.

This is the oldest Grand Chapter in the United States, having been constituted in 1795. Felicitations and brotherly love, Pennsylvania!

The Grand High Priest-elect, M. E. Companion F. R. Leech, reports that he visited with the retiring Grand High Priest a chapter which, apart from District Meetings, had not previously received a visit from a grand officer since it was constituted sixty-five years before. He urges punctuality, a previously planned program and thoroughly mastered ritualistic work as a means of keeping up interest and bringing members back.

The invested fund of Grand Chapter is shown to be \$202,168.18. Estimated surplus for the ensuing year is \$904.51.

This reviewer gives two pages to Alberta. He thinks M. E. Companion Bell must have a railroad pass, because he travelled some seven thousand miles, making thirty-seven visitations and two inter-jurisdictional visits on an expense account of only \$210.00.

152 Chapters. Total Membership: 1939, 36,432; 1940, 34,463. Net loss 1,999. There are also two separate Mark Lodges with membership of 75.

J.V.V.

QUEBEC

The Sixty-fourth Annual Convocation held on March 26th, 1941.

M. E. Companion A. W. Pratt, Grand First Principal, presided.

Twenty-five Grand Representatives were present, Alberta being represented by M. E. Companion W. J. Edwards.

A ten page address, full of interesting comments on his work during the year was given by the Grand First Principal.

Twenty-three Chapters were represented and a full quota of grand officers present.

24 Chapters. 2,505 Members. Loss, 92.

M. E. Companion A. W. Pratt, Grand First Principal.

M. E. Companion W. W. Williamson, Grand Scribe E.

F.J.H.

QUEENSLAND

Convocation for the year ending October, 1940.

M. E. Companion R. N. F. Quinn, First Grand Principal since January, 1922, in the chair.

Alberta's Representative near this Grand Jurisdiction was not present, nor was there an apology for unavoidable absence.

A Resolution of Loyalty to the Governor of Queensland had been duly forwarded to His Majesty the King, and duly acknowledged with sincere thanks by His Majesty.

Looking to the future, this Grand Body has set up a special savings account known as the "Regalia Replacement Fund" account, to have itself in a position to purchase new regalia when the present is no longer usable. A notable foresight, and good business!

In cases where subordinate chapters have remitted dues of companions on active service the Grand Chapter has waived its per capita dues.

A system of Masonic Education for the Degrees, controlled by Grand Chapter, was inaugurated. This intends to supply such information as may from time to time be required by the members of the Order, and every precaution will be taken to ensure that only authentic information will be passed on to the Chapters.

£50 was donated to the Red Cross appeal; the salary of Grand Scribe E. fixed at £375; and after all current expenses paid there was a credit balance of £801-19s-10d.

Deputy Grand Inspectors of Workings were appointed to 28 districts, and a Grand District Representative was appointed to each of the 103 chapters. This is a new idea for our Grand Jurisdictions.

It is, however, a very commendable one and might be copied with profit, especially for chapters difficult to visit because of distance.

104 Chapters. 2,979 Members. Net increase, 15.

M. E. Companion R. N. F. Quinn re-elected.

J.V.F.

RHODE ISLAND

The One Hundred and Forty-fourth Annual Convocation held at Providence on March 11th, 1941.

With the object of bringing Grand Chapter and subordinate chapters nearer together, Grand High Priest Cady reports that he visited every chapter in the Jurisdiction once, all but four chapters twice, and several chapters three or four times during his year of office. Rhode Island is, however, a small state, and there are only sixteen chapters.

One chapter has a membership of 2,182.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reports that it reviewed such Proceedings as it had received, but found no matter of unusual importance which appears to require reference or consideration by Grand Chapter. The last available Proceedings of all jurisdictions are on file in the Grand Secretary's office, and any companion is at liberty to inspect any volume if he so desires.

The Grand High Priest in his address refers to the passing of M. E. Companion Charles A. Connover, General Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion John Mason Dunlap, General Grand Master of the First Veil and M. E. Companion William Tecumseh Sherman O'Hara, Past General Grand High Priest.

The Committee on Jurisprudence commends the interchange of degree work between chapters in different Grand Jurisdictions. A Rhode Island chapter exemplified the Rhode Island ritual in a chapter in Connecticut. It seems that that part of the Royal Arch ceremony known as the "Rough Roads" had been omitted from later rituals in Rhode Island. Now there is a move to have it restored. The committee recommends its restoration: (1) because it gives much needed interest; (2) because the degree is supposed to teach something about life which everyone knows has its rough places. The Grand High Priest recommended that, if it were restored, its use by any chapter should be discretionary and optional.

The receipts were greater than the expenditure by \$620.92. Value of deposits and securities \$22,692.57, showing an increase in value of \$534.67.

Alberta is represented by Henry G. Heath.

16 Chapters. 6,382 Members. Net loss of 268 over previous year.

Grand High Priest-elect is M. E. Companion Walter I. Cooke.

Next Annual Convocation to be held at Providence, March 10th, 1942.

J.W.V.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The Fifty-second Annual Convocation was held at Chamberlain on October 21st, 1941, with Grand High Priest Clarence E. Buehler presiding and all Grand Officers present.

M. E. Companion Buehler had proved to be a very active and aggressive leader in a long term of office—18 months—as South Dakota believes that October is the best time for Grand Chapter, it being in the early part of winter activity. He reports that he made 44 visits to 17 chapters.

It has been decided to divide the State into groups so that each Grand Officer would have a group of several chapters to visit officially. (A grand idea.) However, the Grand High Priest did not confine himself to his particular group, but visited chapters requiring aid to maintain existence. He attended eleven Conconvocations of one chapter, another four, and saw them firmly re-established. To visit one chapter he drove 200 miles alone and returned the same distance before breakfast next morning.

Such energy appeared to be necessary as at another chapter he found that of fifteen petitions for exaltation received more than two years previously, ten were still waiting to be acted upon.

He permitted eighteen chapters to reduce the initiation fee, ranging from \$15.00 to \$20.00.

He recommended (and it was adopted) that a phonograph with suitable records be used in degree work.

Past Grand High Priests W. J. McMakin and E. W. Clarke passed to the Great Beyond.

There is no Fraternal Review.

35 Chapters. 2,497 Members. Net loss, 91.

E.G.I.

TENNESSEE

The One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee held at Nashville, Hugh Owen Edwards, M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding.

Sixty-five out of the seventy-three Chapters were represented.

Death claimed a total of 110 Companions during the year.

Two new chapters were instituted and one charter surrendered.

The Treasurer's report showed balance on hand of \$7,525.00.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reviews the Grand High Priest's address. Concurrence is shown on mostly all his recommendations.

Among these was "that the public grand honors shall be the customary three times three. The private grand honors shall be the penal sign of a Royal Arch Mason with the words . . . 'three times three . . . That the closing instructions be changed to 'Companions, you will kneel on your left knees and form a chain with left arms over right'." (Alberta Companions will recall where this form of closing is carried out.)

The Proceedings indicate a business-like Convocation.

Alberta is given generous review.

Membership 5,195. Net loss, 52.

Wallace Phelan Douglas elected Grand High Priest.

J.W.G.M.

TENNESSEE

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Convocation was held at Nashville on January 26th and 27th, 1942, with Grand High Priest Wallace P. Douglas presiding and all Grand Officers present.

The excellent Address of M. E. Companion Douglas shows why Royal Arch Masonry is flourishing here. He attended 31 group meetings and made 21 other official visits.

Competition among the chapters is encouraged by presenting a Grand Chapter banner to the one obtaining the most new members by exaltation during the year. Also a bronze plaque is awarded the chapter which leads in net gain for three consecutive years. They have, too, a visiting keystone which is carried from chapter to chapter. The group meetings "have made a remarkable improvement in the ritualist work all over the State". Special instructors, who are paid \$7.50 for each day's service, are doing fine work.

One chapter's charter was suspended.

Past Grand High Priest J. I. Walker writes a very fine Fraternal Review and so, in one Proceedings, we get a brief but complete picture of the Capitular world for the year. In his "Foreword" he says: "Masonry came into existence because of the cry of a distressed people, and she will again show her hand in bringing peace to a ravaged, bleeding world. . . . We must show to the world that Masonry means more than material things."

We wish we had space for more quotations.

Alberta is given an excellent review of M. E. Companion Scott's year.

72 Chapters. 5,339 Members. Net gain, 144.

E.G.I.

TEXAS

The Ninety-first Annual Convocation was held at Waco, on December 2nd and 3rd, 1940.

M. E. Grand High Priest Jewel P. Lightfoot presided.

This is a voluminous report. The first thirty pages are taken up with opening ceremonies and the reception and replies of Distinguished visitors. The next eight pages contain the reception and replies of the Grand Representatives. We are glad to note our Representative Ellis Henderson as being among those received.

Dealing with the "State of the Order", a short resume of Royal Arch Masonry in the State (old Republic) of Texas was given and makes most interesting reading.

Speaking of the modern era the Grand High Priest says:

"As in the reign of Zedekiah when the people went off after strange Gods, and the Chief of Priests and the people transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen, and polluted the House of the Lord, mocked His messengers, and despised the words of His prophets, the Destroyer was brought upon them, who slew their young men, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old men or him that stooped for age; and those that escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon and into human slavery.

"The old story is being repeated again today in many sections of the earth. The distractions of this modern era have tended to undermine and weaken the moral structure of individuals as well as nations."

The annual loss in membership was only 62—by far the lowest in 15 years—and the Grand High Priest is optimistic for an increase next year, as the Grand Lodge of Texas has shown a steady gain in membership during the past three years.

"Capitular Masonry has a destiny to safeguard, and most solemn duties to perform. The Holy fire has been swept from the altars in many lands, civilization itself is menaced, and supreme sacrifices are now being made to prevent a lapse backward into the conditions prevailing during the dark ages. Let us reconsecrate ourselves to the noble and glorious task of keeping the fires of Liberty, Equality and Brotherhood burning brilliantly throughout the length and breadth of the land, so that when the storms have passed and the wreckage cleared away, the overturned altars in the lands of the oppressed everywhere may be raised again and the fires of hope, faith and human kindness relighted thereon by torches plucked from our glowing fires."

Among dispensations refused was one to permit reception of petitions and balloting upon same at a special convocation, in order to allow the candidates to join a certain class in a Shrine initiation. Good work!

Two new chapters were granted dispensation and one demised chapter asked for a renewal of their charter without regular fee being charged. This was adopted on recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee. Three charters were arrested.

One important decision was made: A life member of a chapter was automatically suspended because of suspension from his Craft

Lodge several years ago. He is now reinstated in the Blue Lodge and asks for reinstatement in his chapter. *Question:* Will reinstatement by the chapter restore him to his former life membership? *Answer:* No—it will be necessary for the chapter to re-elect him to life membership after he is re-instated.

During the year the Grand High Priest prepared a brochure on the subject, "Ancient Craft Masonry as Exemplified in the York Rite of Ancient Freemasonry." The brochure is printed in full and occupies twenty pages of the Proceedings. It is a well thought out and clearly put exposition, and is a source of valuable information.

On March 5th, 1940, this Grand Jurisdiction suffered an irreparable loss in the sudden accidental death of Past Grand High Priest Sam J. Helm. He had carved for himself a niche in the Hall of Masonic Fame, not only in Texas, but also in the whole Masonic world and particularly in the Western Hemisphere, by his trenchant pen and individual gift as a Reviewer of Proceedings. In this field he was in a class by himself, and there is no second. 137 pages are given over to a tribute to his memory. Messages from Masonic bodies of many Jurisdictions joined in paying fitting tributes to one whose particular forte will be difficult if not impossible to fill.

Total membership 19,529. Net loss, 127.

J.V.F.

VERMONT

The One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Convocation was held in Burlington on June 10th, 1941, with Grand High Priest Floyd T. Sumner presiding and all but one of the Grand Officers present, as well as our Grand Representative James S. Duncan and many distinguished guests from neighboring Jurisdictions.

Death had taken M. E. Companion Archie S. Harriman, who had been Grand Secretary since 1928. He had risen to be head of the Grand Lodge and Grand Council as well as being a 33rd Degree Mason of the Scottish Rite. He was Grand Secretary of all the Grand Bodies.

M. E. Companion James Ross Roberts also had passed away.

One chapter surrendered its charter.

The Grand Lecturer and his six Deputies are praised for their good work. Six successful District Meetings were held and the Deputies' Reports show earnest activity.

Like all other Grand High Priests, M. E. Companion Sumner abhors the war and those who were responsible for it and urges all Masons to use every means to defeat the Axis Powers, so as to ensure true Democracy.

28 Chapters. 3,625 Members. Net loss, 151.

E.G.I.

VIRGINIA

The One Hundred and Thirty-third Annual Convocation held at Richmond on October 22nd and 23rd, 1940.

Grand High Priest Sachs, in an address covering over forty pages of the report of the proceedings, covers many interesting points. Many of these are dealt with under the various headings of this review. The whole of the Virginia proceedings pleases us very much and one regrets lack of space in reviewing it. The Grand High Priest points out how "fortunate Masonry is in a country like the United States to be able to carry on its deliberations without interference or domination from any political, military or ecclesiastical power. How fortunate in a world where greed, envy and prejudice are almost proving the ideal of the brotherhood of man to be a myth.

"War is the negation of civilization, the foundation of which is peace and understanding, and the perpetuation of which can only be found in justice to all. What does the future hold for us as Masons and for all who love Democracy and believe in justice? Who can tell? Masonry can today take a greater part than ever in helping to stabilize the world and carry saner ideas to its peoples. We, with our numbers, can be a great force in the affairs of the world. In the rehabilitation of peoples never has a greater opportunity been presented to our Fraternity to demonstrate the sincerity of purpose in the ideal of universal brotherhood. We must today fight those elements that would destroy everything set up by the Church, and by Masonry, by becoming sincere teachers and preachers of the philosophy we profess and on which our Organization is founded."

On the occasion of his visit to Craft Lodge No. 22 he remarks: "When one sees seven hundred men and Masons rubbing elbows and enthusiastically talking Masonry, he cannot help feeling that there is nothing wrong and nothing to worry about as to the future of our great Fraternity."

Again he remarks on the splendid work done by LaFayette Chapter in visiting and encouraging other chapters: "I cannot place too much emphasis on the great good that can be done by chapters exchanging visits."

And once at Blackstone Chapter he says that at a banquet given early in the evening to which were invited the Blue Lodge Masons of the jurisdiction, he addressed the brethren at the banquet on the subject, "Why a Mason Needed the Royal Arch Degree."

In conclusion he admonishes his hearers to "so build that those who come after them will cherish what they have built."

A recommendation of the Grand High Priest was adopted to reward those companions who had done good service to their chapters, but through circumstances had not been able to proceed through the chairs, by giving them a certificate of merit as a tribute to such service, the certificates to be awarded on recommendation in writing from the High Priest of the chapter.

The Grand High Priest made sixty-six official and fifteen unofficial visits in his own jurisdiction. He also made nine visits to Grand Chapters of other jurisdictions. In addition, he made a number of visits on invitation to Blue Lodges. He travelled 19,456 miles. The

amount of work he did was very favorably commented on by visitors to Virginia Grand Chapter Annual Convocation.

In 1841 the union of Grand Council, R. & S. M., with the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., was effected. This union is known as the Virginia System of Capitular Masonry. This year (1941) it is proposed to give some fitting recognition to this Union.

Surplus of receipts over disbursements for the year was \$19.66. The Finance Committee strongly recommends building up the Investment Account and regrets that its estimated budget for the ensuing year allows only \$200.00 for investment. Present value of investments is \$7,450.00.

Reports the demise of R. E. Companion George Clarence Clark, who was stricken while taking part as Master of Ceremonies in the Eighteenth Degree, and died a few hours later.

Virginia reviews the 1939 Grand Annual Convocation of Alberta to which it assigns just over one page, with six lines given to the Grand First Principal's (M. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy) address, the paragraph in which he refers to the Royal Visit.

General Henry DeWitt Hamilton, New York, in addressing the Grand Chapter, said in part: "I welcome here, in common with you, our companions from the great country to the north of us (Canada). Burdened as they are with many cares, they still have answered the call of Masonic brotherly love and friendship, and have come down here to express to us the continuity of that fraternal respect and regard which Masonry alone can give. . . . Our hearts are with them; our hands will be with them, and the feet of many of our younger men will, all too soon, be marching side by side with our companions of the north . . . those of us who have seen the course of things in the past may say, as a great Virginian expressed it, 'I know of no lamp to guide my feet but the lamp of experience.' Those of us who have long looked at these things know that our country, too, is in danger, and tonight this is one added proof of how good and pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell next door to each other in unity.

"Seventy and seven years have left their indelible mark upon me, and yet I stand here tonight, after a long life of labor in the Masonic quarries, to say to the younger companions, that I am more and more convinced of the value of Freemasonry in a receptive human heart. It has meant much to me and, when I go away, I shall carry with me the treasure of your friendship, a treasure which thieves can never break through, nor steal, a treasure which moth and rust cannot corrupt."

M. E. Companion L. F. Stephens, Canada, said that he felt intensely grateful for the goodwill and fellowship extended to him, not personally, but as a common representative of the decencies of life, and that was all he was going to say about war. While he had three boys and they were all in uniform, the dear, loving wife never mentioned war at home, but knit, knit, knit.

He said he went down to New York and sat around a table where they debated the questions, "Why young men don't join", "How to get brothers back", "How to stop suspensions". He was troubled about something: he had been going into the old records, and he found that away back in 1847 over ninety-five per cent of all Free-

masons in their jurisdiction were Royal Arch Masons, and today they had only one in eight (12-1/2 per cent). At first he thought it might be the difference in jurisdictions (the Grand Jurisdiction of Canada had had several other Grand Jurisdictions branch out from it), but the territorial jurisdiction would not account for it all. He was laying it before the Grand Chapter of Virginia whether or not we might not have to give serious consideration to the question whether we did not put too much intervention between the Master Mason's Degree and the Royal Arch Degree, and so had drifted apart. He was resolved that his little contribution to Royal Arch Masonry should be a determined effort to bring Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter back together again. For the first eleven years they (Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter) met in annual convocation with the same presiding officers, and they met in joint sessions; and then they drifted apart, until today even his Grand Master was not a Royal Arch Mason, and yet he was the most loyal worker for the Royal Arch that he had in his territory. For some reason or other he never went into the Royal Arch, and yet he requests that a member of the Grand Chapter of Canada make an address in his home town. Today he (M. E. Companion Stephens) was in a crusade with his (the Grand Master's) blessing; the Masters' and Wardens' Associations of a number of provinces are organizing district meetings to be addressed by the Head of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and that address was an effort to get back to 1823, when under the stress of the Napoleonic Wars the five Grand Lodges of England narrowed down to two, and then one. It had been his mission for two months to work the old degree of 1823, when it was all one degree, when that marvellous interpretation of the five points takes place in the presence of the three sojourners, when they are willing voluntarily to pay, in assuming to go down and do what is proper for the rebuilding of the foundations of the Temple of Life. It is a marvellous picture, but cannot be given in our Lodges. My brethren, Masonry is a beautiful system, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. When you have shown yourselves worthy, you will be inducted into the Holy Royal Arch, to lay aside the veil, to learn what the allegory means; and every Mason will have the opportunity, the inspiration, the afflatus to finish his Masonic knowledge.

The Committee on the Grand High Priest's address gave it as their opinion that the Grand High Priest's approval of an amendment to the bylaws of Covington Chapter, giving them the right to pay for the consecration of a candidate to the Order of High Priesthood was not proper. Candidate should pay the fee himself.

It also disapproved of "blanket dispensations".

Net loss in membership was 168 for the year under review. Grand High Priest Sachs regrets this as he had hoped for better results. He believes that more progress will be made in future than in the ten years past. Chapters that have been dormant are becoming active.

The Grand Chapter maintains a fund, known as the W. J. Hubbard Memorial Loan Fund, from which loans to worthy students are made. During the year under review eleven new loans were made totalling \$2,650.00. Some delinquency in repaying former loans was experienced (the usual experience in such cases), but good management resulted in only a slight diminution in the fund. A recommendation from the Grand High Priest that \$250.00 be added to the fund from the Grand Chapter funds each year till it had reached \$50,000.00 was rejected by the Committee on the Grand High Priest's

address. Its assets are at present in excess of \$18,000.00 The Grand Chapter also participates in the Grand Lodge Fund for the college education of students from the Masonic Home, and a separate account of this Fund was presented to Grand Chapter.

Alberta is represented by Dr. W. N. Chinn.

69 Chapters. 10,244 Members. Net loss, 169.

Next Grand Convocation to be at Richmond, October 28th, 1941, at 8 p.m.

Grand High Priest-elect, M. E. Companion Albert S. Burnham.

J.W.V.

WASHINGTON

The Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation held at Tacoma, May 8th and 9th, 1941.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was opened by the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Lee Allen.

Many distinguished visitors from other Masonic Organizations were presented and received with Grand Honors.

From the address of the Grand High Priest it was evident that the affairs of his Grand Chapter had received the devoted attention of himself and all his officers, and a very busy year must have been their lot, judging from the amount of work accomplished.

In speaking of the subordinate chapters he says: "From my personal observations and the reports I receive from our Grand Officers, most of our chapters are active and seem to be gaining. Some are afflicted with dry rot caused by poor management. A member of a chapter accepts an office, with no intention of learning his part of the work, or being in attendance when the chapter meets and of course this is not good for the chapter. Each officer must learn his part of the ritual, be in his place when the chapter meets, and be willing to sacrifice his time for the benefit of his chapter. Until some thought is given to filling the chairs with the right kind of material, these chapters will remain dormant."

There is much food for thought here.

The Grand High Priest refused a dispensation for a chapter to receive a petition and ballot the same evening.

From the report of the Grand Secretary it is very pleasing to note the following: "All dues paid, all financial obligations met, all rituals accounted for—a clean slate, annual returns received from all constituent chapters." This report bespeaks of the loyalty and untiring efforts devoted to this office.

From the address of the Grand Orator we feel constrained to quote the following: "A nation cannot violate the laws of God and prosper. Hitler can not more repeal the laws of Justice, Integrity and Morality, than he can repeal the law of gravitation. When the last ship has sunk beneath the waves, the last plane bombed from

the sky and the last boundary erased—the last murderer will have to stand before the judgment bar of God.”

52 Chapters. 5,383 Members. Net loss, 163.

M. E. Companion Robert B. Palmer was elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

H.E.B.

WEST VIRGINIA—1940

The Seventieth Annual Convocation held at Parkersburg, October, 1940.

Frank Gustav Hiehle elected Grand High Priest, succeeding M. E. Companion James E. Hart.

Alberta was represented by Companion Lawrence G. Kincheloe.

The Grand Chapter lost several of its staunch and stalwart Past Grand officers and officials and 145 companions from subordinate chapters.

No moot question came up for decision and visitations were extensive. The Grand High Priest in his rounds of visitation stressed, from the educational point of view, one particular thing—a sound knowledge of Masonic principles and a manner of thought in relation to these principles that would serve to motivate them as action-philosophy.

He recommended that a chapter, by action of its membership, choose other locations if by that choice its function as a chapter be improved or bettered.

Referring to the world crisis, the Grand High Priest said:

“It is our duty at this hour to render whatever help we may to our country in reconstructing western civilisation. And this task requires the collaboration of all the creative forces in American life, the religious, educational, scientific and artistic, leavened with a spirit of brotherhood, good will and courage, and is the type of task undertaken by the leader and his companions who took the desert road back to the scene of former grandeur to rebuild their city and temple.”

The fraternal correspondent, Companion G. M. Ford, has this to say about Grand Chapters that have ceased publishing Reviews:

“We believe that the greatest sufferer is the Grand Chapter that has quit reviewing.” We agree.

Membership in 1940, 7,326. Loss for year 382.

J.W.G.M.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Seventy-first Annual Convocation was held at Wheeling on October 13th and 14th, 1941, with Grand High Priest Frank G. Hiehle presiding and all Grand Officers in their stations.

Distinguished guests included General Grand High Priest John H. Anderson of North Carolina.

Our faithful Grand Representative M. E. Companion Lawrence G. Kincheloe was present and active in committee.

In M. E. Companion Hiehle's address he says it was not possible for him to make a large number of visits. He recommends that each chapter should have a "Masonic Guest Night" similar to those in Michigan and Nevada.

As to finances, expenditures had exceeded receipts and the accumulated funds were almost exhausted, so he recommends that the roster of chapter members be published in the Proceedings every third year instead of annually. Also, that the donation to the Masonic Home Fund be discontinued for the present. (Surely, with regrets.)

The Per Diem and Mileage for the attendance of delegates to Grand Chapter appears rather lavish, as each receives at least \$10.00 per diem and 8 cents per mile travelled, totalling for all \$1,650.14.

Loss in membership grows less and a gain was hoped for in future. (Alas! War has intervened.)

Deputy Lecturers perform duties and make reports to the Grand High Priest similar to our Grand Superintendents, and Schools of Instruction correspond with our District Meetings. The Deputy Lecturer's expenses were paid by Grand Chapter but in future they will visit only when invited by a chapter, who will be responsible for their expenses. They have been doing good work.

One new chapter was instituted.

46 Chapters. 7,249 Members. Net loss, 77.

E.G.I.

WISCONSIN

The Ninety-first Annual Convocation held at Milwaukee, May 6th and 7th, 1941.

Milton G. Kaumheimer, Grand High Priest, presided.

Two chapters surrendered their charters during the year.

The Grand High Priest's address contains much valuable information. He says: "We are engaged in a noble and glorious work. Let us not be weary in working out plans for the future development of our Capitular Craft."

Among dispensations refused was one permitting a subordinate chapter to change its regular night of meeting on account of the regular meeting being on Labour Day." This matter was discussed at Alberta's annual communication in 1942 and a resolution adopted allowing chapters to change their by-laws to cover such a contingency, as we do not think meetings held on statutory holidays are as well attended as they otherwise would be.

This Grand Chapter had the happy result of balancing its budget with expenditures less than its income. Congratulations!

Capitular Masonry in Wisconsin is definitely going forward. Each constituent chapter was visited at least once by a Grand Chapter Officer other than the Grand Lecturer.

Among recommendations we find this: "At least one convocation in each month there should be some social activity, inviting the ladies to take part either in what is known as 'pot luck suppers' or perhaps once or twice a year to an outstanding social event." Shades of Sam Helm!!

The following resolution was adopted: "And every Mason who shall be suspended or expelled from the lodge shall thereby be automatically suspended or expelled, as the case may be, from the chapter during the period of such suspension or expulsion."

105 Chapters. 16,118 Members. Net loss, 511.

J.V.F.

WYOMING

The Thirty-third Annual Convocation was held at Gillette on July 15th, 1941, with Grand High Priest John Stansbury presiding and all but two Grand Officers present.

Our Grand Representative M. E. Companion Walter B. Saunders, was escorted to the altar and welcomed. On the previous day he had presided as Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Wyoming and had excelled himself as toastmaster at the annual dinner of the combined Grand Bodies.

The address of M. E. Companion Stansbury was mostly one of facts and local events. He had visited all the chapters and "the work was rendered in a fine ritualist manner with no room for censure." One of the Grand Representatives he appointed was our own R. E. Companion Horace D. Fawcett, of Calgary.

M. E. Companion Harry E. Crain, "who for many years had been very active in Capitular affairs," had passed to the Great Beyond.

18 Chapters. 1,614 Members. Net loss, 29.

E.G.I.

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CALGARY, April, 16, 1943.

W.B.Way, Esq.,
High River, Alberta.

Dear Bill;-

A copy of a telegram to yourself, was received by me, announcing that, your son was missing, I trust that, this will be, only a prisoner of war, rather than that, he has been called to the great beyond, words prove inadequate to express our deepest sympathy for you and Mrs. Way, but we will hope that it is not, what, we always fear when we hear such news.

The Secretary of our Lodge, had similar news, also Mr. Hartney of the Albertan Job Press, in both these cases it is an only son, but as you know "hope springs eternaletc." and they and their friends are hoping for the best.

I am enclosing a letter just received and am passing it on to you, hoping that, you can give him the necessary information, you can see that, by the tone of the letter, the quotation has had a decided effect.

When you are through, kindly return the letter to me, for out files, thanking you in anticipation, I am,

Fraternally yours.

C. A. MacPherson

H. Schmidt

July 6
Provok no 528

Sept. 22 no 484
Ole Neve

High River. Alta.
April 20th, 1943

Alex Calhoun, Esq
Public Library
Calgary.

Dear Mr Calhoun;-

Sometime ago, in making up a report, I used a quotation that I am appending and this report eventually found its way to Texas and a few days ago I received a letter asking me if I could furnish the whole of the poem with its history.

This friend who wrote me, though it was Thomas Gray, (1716-1771) and from the Latin "Luna Habitabilis".

If you could trace this and furnish me with the whole of it, I would be very grateful. At this time, I have no idea where I got the piece, but I only had the one verse and thought it such beautiful language and so apt a prophecy that it immediately appealed to me.

Yours very truly

W.B.Way.

"The time shall come, when thou shalt lift thine eyes
To watch a long drawn battle in the skies
While aged peasants, too amazed for words,
Stare at the flying fleets of wondrous birds;
England, so long the mistress of the sea,
Where winds and waves confess her sovereignty,
Her ancient triumphs yet on high shall bear
And reign, the sovereign of the conquered air."

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Masonic Calendar and Rules for Masonic Dates

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY—

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.) "in the year of Light." To get the present date add 4,000 years to the common era—1942 and 4,000 equal to 5,942.

ROYAL ARCH—

Date from the year in which the Temple was commenced by Zerubbabel Anno Inventionis (A. I.) "in the year of discovery." Add 530 to the vulgar era—1942 and 530 equal to 2,472.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed—Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.) "in the year of the deposit." Add 1,000 to the common era, thus: 1941 and 1,000 equal to 2,941.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

Commence their era with the organization of their order Anno Ordinis (A. O.) "in the year of the Order." From the Christian era take 1,118, thus: 1942 less 1,118 equal to 824.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

Date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedek—Anno Benefacio (A. B.). To the Christian era add 1913, thus: 1942 and 1913 equal to 3,855

SCOTTISH RITE—

Same as Ancient Craft Masonry—except the Jewish chronology is used—Anno Mundi (A.M.) "in the year of the world." To get the common era add 3,760, thus: 1942 and 3,760 equal to 5,702. After September add another year.

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R. E. Comp. J. Brown.....	Grand Scribe N.
R. E. Comp. H. E. Bentley.....	Grand Principal Sojourner
R. E. Comp. N. B. Williams.....	Grand Registrar

The Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Edmonton, on Wednesday, the 12th day of May, 1943.
